

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022



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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  
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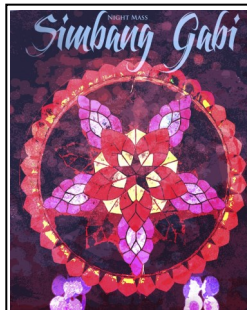


Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday  
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

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

**OSA Friends**

OSA Friends is an association whose members have an interest in learning about St. Augustine’s theology and spirituality. OSA Friends already exist in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Anyone interested in learning about Saint Augustine, his thought and spirituality is asked to contact Fr. Jim Keating at St. Augustine’s Parish or call him at (215) 629-6351 for more information.



**On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at a 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11:00 AM Mass  
All Are Welcome!**



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday, December 08, 2022**

Mass will be Celebrated at:  
**12:05 PM & 7:00 PM for the Holy Day of Obligation**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Luke 3: 4,6*

**Sacrificial Giving  
November 20, 2022**

Number of Envelopes Used: 26  
Amount in Envelopes: \$756.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$29.11  
Electronic Giving: 39  
Amount Electronic: \$1,275.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$32.69  
Loose Money: \$336.00  
Total Collection: \$2,367.00



**Every Monday via Zoom, 6:30PM  
Event: Monday Evening Prayers (Vespers)**

All are invited to pray vespers with the AFIRE community (via Zoom) Monday evenings at 6:30pm (ET). This weekly 20-minute service includes inspiring music, images, and videos for reflection. It’s a peaceful way to start the week.

**Location:** Online via Zoom  
**More info:** [apeopleafire.org/events](http://apeopleafire.org/events)



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney  
11:00 AM † Lorenzo Viernes  
7:00 PM † Elsie Maning

**Monday, December 5, 2022**  
12:05 PM Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**  
12:05 PM Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**  
12:05 PM Special Intention

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**  
**Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.**  
12:05 PM The Parish Community  
7:00 PM Special Intention

**Friday, December 9, 2022**  
12:05 PM † Mary Flanagan

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

† = Deceased



**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
Pledges: 214 Percentage: 106.3218%  
Amount Pledged: \$797,413.68  
Pledges Received: \$740,283.68  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec’d: \$750,721.39

**Sacrificial Giving  
November 27, 2022**

Number of Envelopes Used: 19  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,015.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$53.42  
Electronic Giving: 40  
Amount Electronic: \$1,185.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$29.63  
Loose Money: \$352.00  
Total Collection: \$2,552.00

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**Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

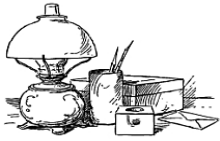
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**  
7:00 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, December 9, 2022**  
7:30 PM Pre-Christmas Concert

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**  
10:00 AM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom



## *A word from Fr. Bill...*

Dear Parishioners:

About 7 years ago our parish began a ministry at Gift of Life Family House, "Howie's House."

**What is Gift of Life?** I liken it to a Ronald McDonald House who host families of children at a Children's hospital. Gift of Life is a "home away from home for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging, and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia for transplant-related care."

**When do our parishioners go there?** We have two teams. One team spearheaded by Jane O'Connor goes on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Our second team spearheaded by Jerry and Rosemary Lorenz goes on the third Tuesday of each month. They meet in the late afternoon with the buffet meal ready to be served to the residents at 6 PM.

**What do they do?** After planning and shopping for the meal, our parish volunteers meet onsite at Gift of Life to cook the meal together. The team spends about two hours onsite for each meal provided. Volunteers are welcome to help with all aspects; meal planning, grocery shopping and onsite cooking. The Parish provides the financial resources for this ministry via the generous contribution of parishioners to the "Fellowship and Outreach Collection" which takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**How do the residents and their families respond to the ministry of our parishioners?** After a day at a hospital, a doctor's office or doing physical therapy, they are extremely grateful for a warm hot, home cooked meal. They send a thank you note after each dinner, signed by all who participated in the meal. You will find one this weekend in the back of the church.

**How do our parishioners feel about their ministry?** Here are a few reflections of our parishioners:

*"The people who are there are very sick, but they are cheerful and grateful. This is a model for us."*

*"It is enjoyable to learn from each other. It is a very enjoyable experience."*

*"It is a gift to feed people when they are hungry, and especially when they are in our neighborhood."*

*"It is very satisfying. Sometimes I don't feel like going, but when I get there, I get rejuvenated. It is very rewarding."*

*"Some of the guests there express how grateful they are to have vegetables, salad and potatoes."*

*"I don't always feel like going, but I am always very glad I did. It is great to interact with our own parishioners--especially such a cross section of our parish, in particular people I don't see that often and people I see in church, but didn't really know."*

*"It helps keep the spirituality going of what happens at Mass."*

**How does the staff at Gift of Life respond to our parish volunteers?** A few years ago, Alicia Pettine from Gift of Life said, "Both the Sunday and Tuesday groups have really made this program seamless and we look forward to the days they come in because we don't have to worry about having a successful (and innovative) dinner."

**Where is Gift of Life?** One of the things which I really appreciate about this ministry is that it is within the geographic boundaries of our parish, 4th and Callowhill Streets.

I take this opportunity to thank Jane O'Connor, Rosemary and Jerry Lorenz for their leadership in this ministry and all the volunteers who represent us so well and who so selflessly serve our brothers and sisters in need.

Someone (Jerry Lorenz at the 9, Ruth and Ferdi Luyun at the 11, and Bob Schuck at the 7) will be speaking at the Masses this weekend about this outreach. If you are interested in volunteering to help at Gift of Life, there will be an opportunity to sign up in the back of the church. If you will not be at Mass here this weekend and you are interested in helping, please call the parish office, 215-627-1838.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



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## **SIMBANG GABI**

**Mass of the Novena of the Nativity**  
**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5:30 PM and 8:30 PM**

## **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**No 7:00 PM Mass**

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Day**

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

**Holy Day Vigil Mass 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 01, 2023**

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

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Why do we  
have more than  
one Creed?"

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we call God,  
Father?

What does  
"consubstantial"  
mean?

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** Submit your questions and join us this Advent for the first four sessions of our multi-part series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." (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!



**11/29 "I believe . . ." What is the Creed? - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocuqrrDgqGNeGXTJzEsqvQ2Srn3EnTV5>



**12/6 "I believe in one God, the Father . . ." - Ms. Paula Manchester, M.A, Adjunct Professor, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, School of Theological Studies - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodeGsrz8jGNwIJG2U3CUUm0cvXqwHiRto>



**12/13 "I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ . . ." - Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvrTgiHtdFfCo16\\_ZMzwHeYeurteu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuf-yvrTgiHtdFfCo16_ZMzwHeYeurteu)



**12/20 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . ." - Rev. Kevin DePrinzio, OSA, PhD., Vice President for Ministry; Faculty, Theology Department, Villanova University - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-qtpj0qG9DIYhkdDd8u4-Kpf9kIaMi>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: [staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call (215) 627-1838

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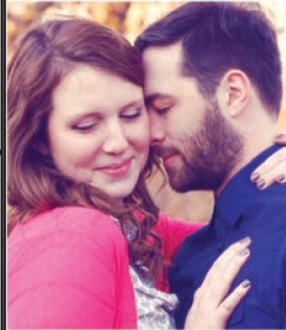
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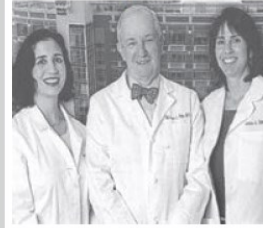
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