

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2020



National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

*“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**

*St. Augustine parish is an open, diverse, and active Roman Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and founded in the Augustinian Tradition. We invite all to participate in our worship, service to others, and our faith development. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each other.*

*Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.*

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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: 5:15 PM— *Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021*

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

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Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*



We can have

# H·O·P·E

because God is faithful and will  
keep the promises He made to us.  
Our hope comes from God.

Romans 15:12-13



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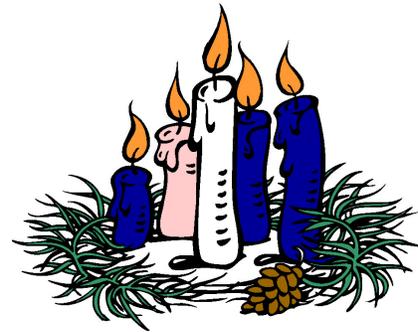
### Why do we use an advent wreath?

**Evergreen wreath**—The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the colour that represents hope and new life.



On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Four Candles**—represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes **Hope** and **Love**, respectively. The third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes **Joy**. The fourth and last purple candle represents **Peace**. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind. On Christmas, the center white Christ candle is lit.



### Save the Date !

**Winter Sinulog  
Feast of Santo Niño**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
11:00 AM Mass**

**All Are Welcome!**

*Prepare  
Ye  
The  
Coming  
Of The  
Lord!*



### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

9:00 AM † Prima Manguba  
11:00 AM † Prima Manguba  
7:00 PM The Parish community

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Marquart & Gallagher Families

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

12:05 PM † Mary & John Forsythe

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**

12:05 PM † Daniel F. Waters, Jr.

**Friday, December 4, 2020**

12:05 PM † Anastasia Mendana

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

† = Deceased



### MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life official program will be held on **Friday, January 29, 2021**

**National Mall, Washington, D.C.**

**Pre-Rally Concert:**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Rally Program and March:**

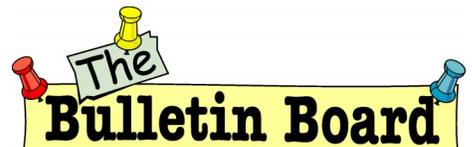
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)

End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.

#### Electronic Giving

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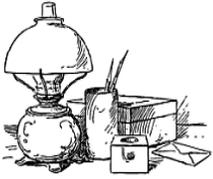
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**  
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom  
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**  
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

**Friday, December 4, 2020**  
7:00 PM Steering Committee—Zoom

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**



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

Dear Parishioners:

Even though it may have been different than most years, I hope your Thanksgiving was a good one, that the turkey wasn't burnt and that the pies were great.

As you know, last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King which brought the liturgical year to an end. A new liturgical year begins this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

The liturgical year follows the life of Jesus: we celebrate the Annunciation when it is announced to Mary that she will be the mother of the long awaited Messiah; we look forward to his birth; we celebrate his birth; we recall his baptism; we follow his public ministry, calling the apostles, reflect on his teachings, and some of his miracles and healings. We prepare in the season of Lent in order to celebrate the Triduum, meaning we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, his suffering, death and Resurrection. We recall the gift of his Spirit to us; we remember his Ascension and then we reflect on other aspects of his teachings in the parables, etc. The liturgical year comes to an end when we look forward to being united with Christ the King in the next life.

In a sense, our whole life is an Advent as we share in Jesus' life which began at our baptism and hopefully ends in the kingdom with him.

On the First Sunday of Advent we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance which is an important moment in the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). What is that? This is the process in which Steve Rainstein and John Wilson have been preparing to become part of the Catholic community. Since September they have met on eleven Monday evenings on Zoom with Patrick Lanza and me, as well as John's sponsor, Julia Saunders. They have participated in the Inquiry period, learning some of the basics of the faith. We have discussed faith in general, the Holy Trinity, revelation, prayer, the Mass, the church year, Mary, the Saints, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc. Having discussed all these topics and more, Steve and John are declaring publicly their intention to enter the Catholic Church. This Sunday at the 7:00 PM Mass, they will be introduced to the community and experience the community's pledge of support and prayer for them as they continue to grow in faith through study, discussion, reflection and prayer. Steve is married and recently had his son, Jett baptized. He has never been baptized and plans to be baptized, confirmed and receive First Communion at the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. He will be a Catechumen. John was baptized Lutheran and plans to make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive First Communion on the Sunday after Easter, April 11th. He will be a Candidate.

Stay SAFE and happy New Year!

Fr. Bill



St. Augustine Parish, Phila.  
Presents:

What does it mean to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

What happens to babies that die before being Baptized?

Everything you always wanted to know about ~~sex~~  
*The Sacraments*

What does it mean that Jesus is Truly present in the Eucharist?

\* But were afraid to ask

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** Submit your questions for our three-part series during Advent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the three "**Sacraments of Initiation**." Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

**12/1 - Baptism - Fr. Chris Walsh, Pastor, St. Raymond Parish (Philadelphia) - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-uqrzMjEtf5GokVv90IVkRNoUa56E2m>

**12/15 - Confirmation - Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hqz4pG9OCrVBB11V5xCcvxHAuPQga>

**12/22 - Eucharist - Fr. G. Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia - Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6srzkrGdVUekSeWWBTTBr-SkMCIxV8>

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