

St. Augustine Parish

Second Sunday of Advent – December 06, 2015

“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 and thus 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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Philadelphia, PA 19106
(GPS Address: 250 N. 4th Street)
Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911
Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Monday through Friday



Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Parish Staff:

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Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a regular basis, except during Lent. It is usually celebrated within Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. The parents of the child to be baptized meet personally ahead of time with the priest celebrating the sacrament. Contact the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Weddings are arranged by appointment at least eight months in advance of the desired wedding date. Contact the parish office for more information.

Ministry to the Sick & Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone in your family is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or in a nursing home and they would like a visit from the pastor, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Anytime by appointment.

Parish Registration

Please call the parish office for information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

Parish Committees

The Parish Council, Filipino Sub-Council, and Finance Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

Novena to the Santo Niño

Each Sunday, after the 11:00 AM Mass there is a novena in honor of the Santo Niño.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



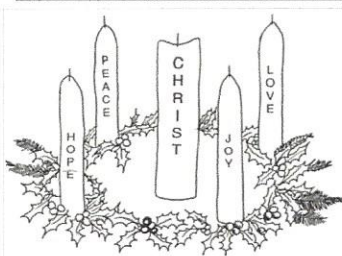
Tuesday, December 08, 2015

Holy Day of Obligation to Attend Mass

Mass will be Celebrated at 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 20th at 1pm.** Your help is needed!

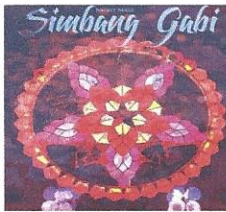


Second Sunday of Advent – Love



St. Augustine's Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations: Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place, Augustinian

Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP), Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life Family House, and the Philippine Medical Mission. We ask you to take an ornament tag, purchase the requested gift and return it **unwrapped** by **Sunday, December 13th** and place it in the boxes under the tree.



Simbang Gabi Tuesday, December 15th, at the 7:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate the beginning of Simbang Gabi, the Novena of Masses, in preparation for the Christ Child's coming. Father Wilson Capellan will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH • 7:30 PM

GLORIA!

A Concert to Celebrate the Season



Back by popular demand, the Saint Augustine Chamber Choir and friends will present a concert as we prepare to celebrate the Season of Hope and Joy. A great way to begin your season of Hope and Joy, is by centering your thoughts on the true meaning of what is to come. Traditional and non-traditional Christmastime music will delight your ears. Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses on the four Sundays of Advent.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday & Sunday,

December 05 & 06, 2015

- 5:15 PM † Julia R. Baumann
- 9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney
- 11:00 AM † Anastacia Mendana
- 7:00 PM Gracey & Kelleher Families

Monday, December 07, 2015

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, December 08, 2015

12:05 PM † Dr. Owen Chang

Wednesday, December 09, 2015

12:05 PM † Elsie Manning

Thursday, December 10, 2015

12:05 PM † Carolyn Wynne

Friday, December 11, 2015

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 12, 2015

- 5:15 PM Teresa & Joseph Toman
- † David Trzybyszewski

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

November 21 & 22, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 64
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,683.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$26.30
 Electronic Giving: 18
 Average \$/Electronic: \$23.72
 Loose Money: \$715.00
 Total Collection: \$2,825.00

Sacrificial Giving

November 29 & 29, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 62
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,930.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$31.13
 Electronic Giving: 16
 Average \$/Electronic: \$21.06
 Loose Money: \$558.00
 Total Collection: \$2,825.00

What's Happening

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 06, 2015

- 9 AM, 11 AM & 7 PM Mass
- 11:00 AM Gancio Baptism
- 12:30 PM Filipino Executive Council Mtg.
- 5:00 PM Ilocano Cultural Association

Monday, December 07, 2015
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**Tuesday, December 08, 2015**  
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

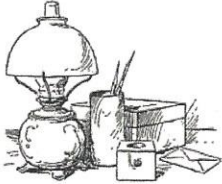
- Wednesday, December 09, 2015**
- 6:00 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting
- 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

- Thursday, December 10, 2015**
- 5:30 PM Snyder-Reynolds Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
- 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 11, 2015**  
 3:30 PM Snyder-Reynolds Wedding

**Saturday, December 12, 2015**  
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB





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



Dear Parishioners:

At the 7:00 PM Mass this past Sunday we celebrated with five young men, "The Rite of Acceptance" which is part of the process of "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) which as the name implies is the process which adults experience who are preparing to become Catholic. Let me put all this in context.

Matt Currier, Jerre Riggs, Zac Lowder, Alex Puhlua, and Gavin Villacorta have been meeting each Monday since September with Patrick Lanza and I in what is called "The Inquiry Stage," the initial period in the process of RCIA. During this time among other things they have inquired about the journey of faith, the meaning of the Mass, scripture, the role of the pope, bishops, priests, deacons and the laity, the saints, Mary, prayer and the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Having inquired, discussed and reflected on these topics and similar ones, Matt, Jerre, Zac, Alex and Gavin now with the "Rite of Acceptance" have moved into the next stage of the process. At the liturgy on Sunday they told the community they were seeking to grow in faith. They were introduced to the community by their respective sponsors and the parish community assured them of our prayers and support.

Matt and Jerre who have never been baptized are now officially "Catechumens" as they continue the process to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, March 26th.

Zac who is called a "Candidate" has been baptized in another Christian community, a Baptist. As Zac continues in the RCIA process, he will make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church and then be confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at Easter.

Alex and Gavin who already have been baptized Catholics and have received First Holy Communion are presently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At our regular Monday gathering we all had an opportunity to share our impressions and insights into what we experienced on Sunday night at "The Rite of Acceptance." One of the Catechumens shared he felt a greater sense of comfort and welcoming. Another participant shared he was moved by the support of the larger community. My response was that the liturgy did what it was intended to do.

The RCIA process will continue until Pentecost in May for Matt, Jerre, Zac, Gavin and Alex. The highlight will be the actual celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

These men provide a real gift to us by being involved in this journey of faith with us. They are great witnesses that there are young people in our world and in our culture who are serious about the development of their faith and their relationship with Jesus through the context of the Catholic faith. This truly is encouraging.

Please join me in thanking God that they are taking this journey in the midst of our parish community. Please join me in praying that God will continue to bless them with their search for God and in their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Have a great week.

Father Bill

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we'll soon be preparing the way for the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our bi-annual **Church Cleaning Day** is just around the corner. Please join us on **Sunday, December 13th at 1 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.







### Baptism Celebration

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the 5:15 PM Mass, we have the opportunity through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community. The son of Christopher and Danielle Troiso, **Alexander Nico Troiso**, will be baptized. Please keep Alexander and his parents in your prayers.



### Baptism Celebration

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the 11:00 AM Mass, we have the opportunity through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community. The son of Janelle Santos, **Nico Gancio**, will be baptized. Please keep Nico and his parents in your prayers.

### Schedule of Christmas Masses

December 24, 2015:

5:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 10:30 PM

(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

December 25, 2015:

10:00 AM



### Schedule of New Year's Masses

Solemnity of Mary,  
The Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1, 2016:

12:15 AM (After the N.Y. Eve Party)

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Kim Barroso and....  
the merry singers of

# philharmonia

together with author and sommelier,  
the governor of grapes herself

## marnie old

gleefully present

# winter spirits

an evening of wine, beer and musical cheer

Saturday December 12, 2015

Doors open at 7pm, concert at 7:45pm

St. Augustine Church, Carr Hall  
250 N 4th Street, Phila  
35 in advance, 40 at the door

Info and tickets:

[philharmoniasings.com](http://philharmoniasings.com)



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please join the Young Adults on **Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>** at **11 AM** for a deep cleaning of the Carr Hall kitchen! Carr Hall's kitchen gets lots of use by the entire parish, so come help us tackle this project and provide some elbow grease.

Join us for community building, Christmas music and the satisfaction of a really clean kitchen! Any questions, please contact Jane O'Connor at: [jane.e.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:jane.e.oconnor@gmail.com)



### New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino & American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church Social Hall on **December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM**. Mass to follow at **12:15 AM**. Tickets are: \$15 for adults, \$10 for child ages 13-17, \$5 for children ages 8-12, and children under the age of 7 are free. For more info contact:

Fernando Dacanay - 484.995.1359

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

Elgene Morales - 267.307.8145

Cesar Manguba - 215.613.8627

Ferdie Luyun - 267.625.8958



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Celebrating our 220th Anniversary!

Join Fr. Bill Waters, OSA on a Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to

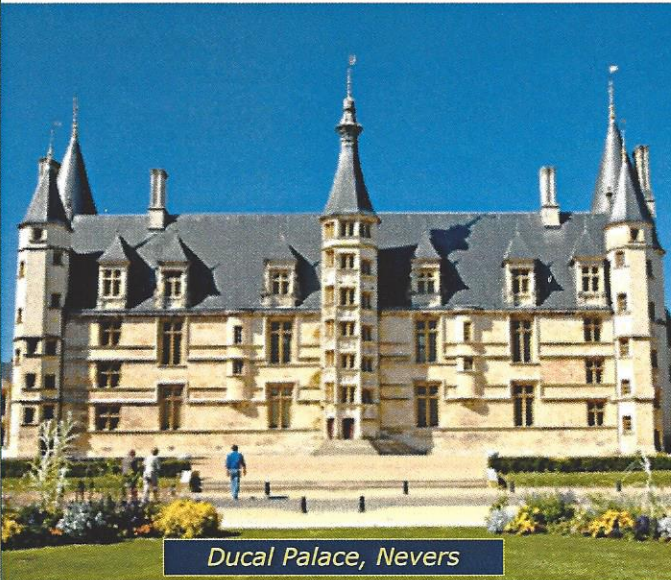


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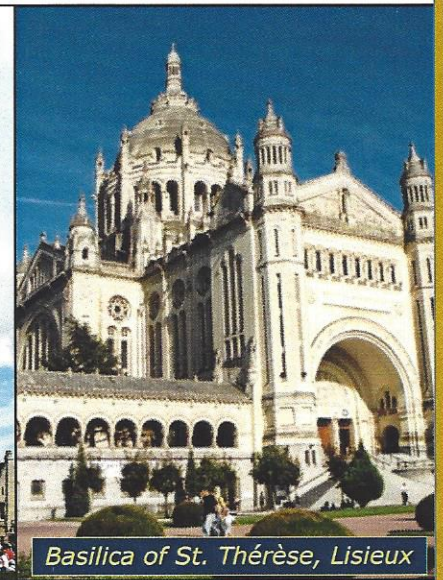
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