

St. Augustine Parish

The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2011

Growing Together, Building Together

Mission Statement:

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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Office Hours: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Closed Thursday

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

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Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month and usually at Mass, except during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance. Parents presenting their first child for baptism are required to attend a baptism class. 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.

Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone in your family is ill or preparing for surgery, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30 PM to 6:45 PM or 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. Jim 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.

A word from Fr. Jim:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christmas is the celebration of the fulfillment of the promise God made long ago to unite Himself with humanity in a special and unique way. Christmas celebrates the moment when God and humanity became one in Jesus Christ. God's desire and choice to come and live among us shows us that human life is good and sacred. Further, through the saving acts of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection and our baptism into that mystery, we are reminded that we belong to God.

As we celebrate Christmas each year, we are invited to a greater oneness with God and each other. It is a time of recognizing and appreciating the gifts we have been given in relationships of family and friends. It is also a time to acknowledge and share the blessings we have received with others. In the midst of an ongoing recovering economy and the various struggles that accompany daily living, as people of faith we recognize that the true source of peace and joy is Jesus, the Christ.

Like the Wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we, too, are pilgrims on a journey - always seeking to know the God who calls us to walk together in faith. I give thanks this Christmas for your faith and your commitment of service to and support of St. Augustine Parish. May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace. May God's richest blessings continue to be with you in the coming year.

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday December 24-25, 2011

5:00 PM --
8:00 PM --
10:30 PM --
10:30 AM Parish Community

Monday, December 26, 2011

12:05 PM --

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

12:05 PM John A. Georeno, Jr.

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

12:05 PM --

Thursday, December 29, 2011

12:05 PM --

Friday, December 30, 2011

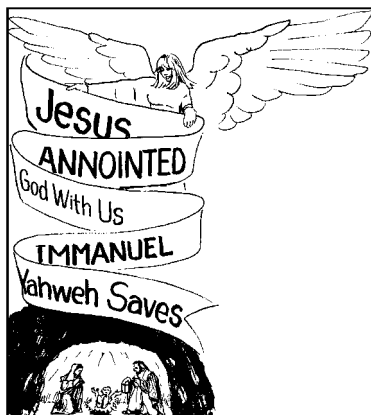
12:05 PM Medles Arevalo

Saturday, December 31, 2011

5:15 PM Merilee Arevalo

Sacrificial Giving December 11, 2011

\$2,974.00



Campaign Update

December 16, 2011

Number of Pledges: 156

Amount Pledged: \$421,010.00

Paid to Date: \$321,762.35

Balance: \$99,247.65

Sunday
December 25, 2011

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:30 AM Mass

Monday, December 26, 2011


Tuesday, December 27, 2011
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB

Wednesday, December 28,
2011
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 29, 2011
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir

Friday, December 30, 2011
8:00 PM Fiat Choir

Saturday, December 31, 2011
5:15 PM Mass



**Schedule of New Year's
Masses**

**December 31, 2011:
5:15 pm**

January 1, 2012:

Announcements

2012 Parish Calendars: 2012 calendars are available in the back of the church. Please take one.

New Year's Eve Party: Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, and Filipino & American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine church social hall on December 31st from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Mass to follow at 12:15 a.m. Donations: \$15.00 per person for adults, \$5.00 for children (12-17 years old). For more information contact Fernando Dacanay - 484.995.5139, Bel Lopena - 215.676.3159 or Dr. Lita Manguba - 215.410.6282.

Confirmation Class: For those who have expressed an interest in having their child confirmed this spring, classes will begin on Sunday, January 8th. If you have not expressed interest, but would still like to enroll your child in confirmation classes, please contact Jackie Lanza at 215.627.0592 or lanza27@yahoo.com for more information.

Malvern Retreat House: Malvern Retreat House kicks off its 100th anniversary with the Epiphany retreat for men, Jan. 6-8. Newcomers and returning retreatants are welcome. Retreats for women include Serenity (Jan. 6-8) and Women Afire (Mar. 16-18). For information, call 610-644-0400 or go to www.malvernretreat.com.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Nativity Prayer

Let the just rejoice,
 for their justifier is born.
 Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
 For their savior is born.
 Let the captives rejoice,
 For their Redeemer is born.
 Let slaves rejoice,
 for their Master is born.
 Let free men rejoice,
 For their Liberator is born.
 Let All Christians rejoice,
 For Jesus Christ is born.

