

St. Augustine Parish

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—January 1, 2012

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,

As we begin a new year, we celebrate on January 1 the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. In the Gospel for this day, we continue to hear of events surrounding the birth of Jesus. The shepherds travel to Bethlehem, seeking to see the new born child. They tell Mary and Joseph of the message revealed to them about the child, and Mary "ponders in her heart" what has been shared about Jesus. She shows us what it means to listen and to have a reflective disposition before God and in the events of one's life. Could Mary ever have imagined what lied ahead for her son? Most likely not. Yet, as she had earlier said yes to God's plan for her when it was revealed to her that she would bear the Son of God, she would now continue to trust the unfolding plan of God for her.

At the start of a New Year, we traditionally make "New Year's resolutions." Perhaps we can learn something from the example of Mary as we consider our individual resolutions. Asking God to give us a more reflective heart to know, love, and serve God would be a good place to start. It would seem that any other resolutions could or should build upon this one. As Mary pondered what was said about her child, we must ponder in our hearts the events in our world, in our country, in our church and in our families that cry out for truth, healing, and peace. The prayer of Aaron given to the Israelites in today's First reading is given to us:

"The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

This is my prayer for you as we enter 2012.

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday

December 31-January 1, 2012

5:15 PM Merilee Arevalo

10:30 AM --

7:00 PM Parish Community

Monday, January 2, 2012

12:05 PM --

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

12:05 PM .--

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

12:05 PM Elise Ponisiak

Thursday, January 5, 2012

12:05 PM Julia Baumann

Friday, January 6, 2012

12:05 PM

Saturday, January 7, 2012

5:15 PM Parish Community

Sacrificial Giving December 18, 2011

\$2,605.00



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
January 1, 2012

*Solemnity of Mary
(New Year's Day)*

10:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

Monday, January 2, 2012

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, January 5, 2012

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB

8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir

Friday, January 6, 2012

8:00 PM Fiat Choir

Saturday, January 7, 2012

5:15 PM Mass

Ministry Schedule for January 7-8, 2012

Mass Time	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
Lector	K. Rigby	G. Klocek		C. Cantrell
Minister of Communion	Joseph VH	Joseph VH	N. De Castro L./M. Arevalo L. De Jesus R. Thomas	M. Townsend J. Youngken

Announcements

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.

Our Brother's Place: Volunteers are needed on Sunday, January 8th to help prepare the meal we will then transport and serve to the homeless at Our Brother's Place (907 Hamilton Street). The sign up sheet is located in the back of the church. Donations for the following items are greatly appreciated (in whole or partial amounts): bread (in total 500 slices of white or wheat); celery (14 bunches); cornstarch (2- 1lb. boxes); powdered ice tea mix (278 oz. total, or 3 very large canisters); and 40 pounds of frozen, mixed vegetables. Please drop off all donations by noon on Friday, January 6th. You can leave these items in the back of the Church or bring them to the office. For any additional questions, please contact John Bianchi at chefboyjib@hotmail.com.

Thank You for Your Generosity: Thank you to all who were able to contribute to the Retirement Fund for Religious. A check in the amount of \$987.00 was sent to the Fund from our parish. Thank you also for those who contributed to our Christmas flowers donation. With the \$517.00 that was collected, we are able to have beautiful Christmas flowers during this Christmas season!

Christmas Decorations: We would like to extend a special thanks to Ray Borres, Tim Babbage, and all those who helped with the cleaning and decoration of the church for Christmas.

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.

Cook Needed: The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul Rectory requires a part-time evening cook; Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, prepare, serve and clean-up for 1-5 people (number varies each day). Hours generally 3:30pm - 7:30/8:00pm. Dinner is at 5:30pm. There is no work on certain holidays. Some flexibility to cover Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on occasion. Some light shopping may also be required. Position available immediately, please send resume/information by fax (215.561.1580) or mail to: Cathedral Basilica, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**Blessings for a
New Year!**

Start the new year



with a prayer...

Happy & Healthy