

St. Augustine Parish

First Sunday of Advent – December 02, 2018

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Ashley Foreman

Tom White

Karen Connolly

Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) ♦ "The Rite of Acceptance"
December 2, 2018 ♦ 7:00 PM



Romans 15:12-13

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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 5:00 PM

Monday to 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

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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 or visit the parish website for a registration form or more 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.

All Earth is Hopeful!

A PRE-CHRISTMAS CONCERT
at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church

FRIDAY
12.07.18

7:30 PM | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
free-will offering

Begin Your Advent Season with Hope!

4TH AND VINE ST.

OLD CITY, PHILADELPHIA | 215.627.1838

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A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe holding the infant Jesus in a manger of straw. Joseph is seated to the right. Three kings in ornate, colorful robes are on the left, offering gifts. Two shepherds in simple clothing are on the right, one kneeling. Two white lambs are in the foreground. The setting is a stable with a wooden manger and palm trees in the background under a starry night sky.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2018

Monday, December 24, 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM

+

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

10:00 AM

+

Monday, December 31, 2018

Daily Mass 12:05 PM

+

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 01, 2019

12:15 AM (*Midnight*), 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM



New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino and American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church – Carr Hall on **December 31st from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Mass to**

follow at 12:15 AM. Tickets are: \$20 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 please contact:

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

Elgene Morales - 267.307.8145

Cesar Manguba - 215.613.8627

Ferdie Luyun - 267.625.8958



A Prayer For Advent

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this Advent season, which is Christ himself, whom God our Father has revealed to the entire world.

Where God is born, hope is born.
Where God is born, peace is born.
And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war.
God alone can save us and free us from the many forms of evil and selfishness in our midst.

Let us welcome into our lives God's mercy, which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow!

Pope Francis



Save the Date !

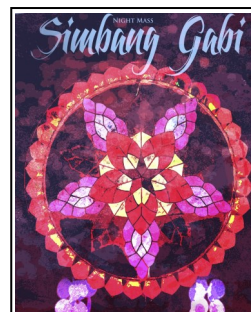
**Winter Sinulog
Feast of Santo Niño**

January 20th, 2019

11:00 AM Mass

Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.

All Are Welcome!



**On Saturday,
December 15th, 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.**

December 9, 2018, 3:00-4:30 PM ♦ Christmas Concert
at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul**
Our annual Christmas celebration is back and better than ever. Cathedral Music Director Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas, performed by the combined forces of the Cathedral Choir and the choirs of the Philadelphia Arch-diocese. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration of the festive season!
Free parking available. Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 1723 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.
To purchase tickets visit: www.cathedralphilaconcerts.org

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

On **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM**, Old Saint Joseph's Church (4th and Walnut) will celebrate an **Advent Lessons and Carols Service**. Choral and organ music will include works by Bach, Mathias, and Rutter. Admission is free and a reception will follow. All are cordially invited!

Prepare!

Hope!

Come, Lord Jesus

Believe!

Rejoice!

The Latin word **adventus** is the translation of the Greek word **parousia**, commonly used in reference to the **Second Coming of Christ**. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

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

(Starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 2nd)

**ANNUAL AUTUMN
CHURCH GROUNDS
CLEANUP**



**Saturday, December 08, 2018
9:00 AM to 12 Noon**

Gloves & Tools Provided

Please RSVP email to Charlie
if you are coming out to help at:
charles.nygard@gmail.com

**St. Charles Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHAPEL**

Sunday, December 9 – Open House and Christmas Concert: Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Open House and Christmas Concert, featuring our seminarian choir. The Open House and seminary **tours begin at 1:00 p.m.** and the concert begins at **4:00 p.m.** in our St. Martin of Tours chapel.

Visit: www.scs.edu/node/2506



This coming Holiday Season we have a new organization to add to our tree, the **Franciscan Outreach Program**. We will be assisting 70 families this year providing clothing and a toy for each child. We will also be assisting the **Bethesda Project, Augustinian Children's Orphanage in Tagaytay City Philippines, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House NOW, The Gift of Life, and Woman Of Hope.**

Please return unwrapped gifts along with tag by December 10th for the Adeodatus Prison Ministry and December 17th for ALL OTHER Groups. We want to pass along the gratitude from all these organizations to our parish.

Your consistent generosity has brought and continues to bring joy to each of the organizations over the Holiday Season.

Again, thank you for your consistent generosity over the years.

Thank you for your support !



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday, December 08, 2018

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be Celebrated at:

12:05 PM ONLY for the Holy Day of Obligation

*The Saturday 5:15 PM Vigil Mass is the
Anticipated Mass for Sunday Obligation*

(No 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday Evening of the Holy Day)



First Sunday of Advent - HOPE



**Mass
Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 01 & 02, 2018**

5:15 PM -----

9:00 AM Nadene Shearstone & Family

11:00 AM † Anatasia Mendana

7:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Marquart & Gallagher Families

Monday, December 03, 2018

12:05 PM † Daniel F. Waters, Jr.

Tuesday, December 04, 2018

12:05 PM † Anthony Bernato

Wednesday, December 05, 2018

12:05 PM Deceased Members and
Benefactors of the OSA

Thursday, December 06, 2018

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

Friday, December 07, 2018

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Saturday, December 08, 2018

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM

12:05 PM -----

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

November 17 & 18, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used: 57

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,841.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$32.30

Electronic Giving: 38

Amount Electronic: \$798.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$21.01

Loose Money: \$600.00

Total Collection: \$3,239.00



Sacrificial Giving

November 24 & 25, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used: 64

Amount in Envelopes: \$2,209.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$34.53

Electronic Giving: 41

Amount Electronic: \$908.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$22.15

Loose Money: \$456.00

Total Collection: \$3,573.00



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Sunday, December 02, 2018

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

Monday, December 03, 2018

Tuesday, December 04, 2018

6:00 PM Franklin Bridge Neighbors Mtg.

7:00 PM Advent Program -

"Chasing the Dragon" Video

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 05, 2018

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 06, 2018

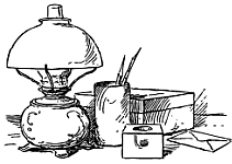
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 07, 2018

7:30 PM Pre-Christmas Concert
and Reception

Saturday, December 08, 2018

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

We have been very fortunate that since September we have had three individuals participating in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. You will see their picture on the front cover of this weekend's bulletin.

Karen, Ashley and Tom have been meeting every Monday with Patrick Lanza (our parish representative) and me. This has been a time of "Inquiry" where they have had no commitment to the Catholic Faith, but only the expectation to ask questions and learn about our faith. During this time, we have had discussions about many topics including what is faith, the Holy Trinity, who Jesus is, the makeup of the Bible and how to use it, individual prayer life, Catholic practices, the Mass, the Church Year, places in the church building, who shepherds the Church, Mary, the Saints and our understanding of heaven and hell.

Karen, Ashley, and Tom are now ready to begin their next step in their "Journey of Faith." At the 7:00 PM Mass this Sunday evening (December 2nd), they will participate in "The Rite of Acceptance." This Rite introduces them to the parish community, and we the members of the Church community welcome them and pledge our prayers and support for them as they continue their journey. They will publicly express their intention to follow the way of Christ and their sponsors will affirm their sincerity and ongoing conversion.

I would like to introduce them to you in order that you can get to know them.

Karen, who is preparing to be baptized, confirmed and receive First Communion at the Easter Vigil (April 20th) is originally from Brazil. She is a pediatric neurologist at St. Christopher Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. She and her husband Pat (also a doctor - a neurological surgeon) were married in 2004 and have two daughters, Lorena who made her first communion here a year ago September and Sylvia who will make her First Communion next year. Karen says she wants to be baptized "because I believe in the Catholic Church and it will be good for us as a family unit."

Ashley, who originally is from Bethany Beach, Delaware, was baptized as an infant into the Lutheran community. She graduated from John Hopkins University in Baltimore and is now in her 2nd year at Jefferson Medical School and is presently preparing for her Step 1 Medical Exam on April 1st. Ashley says she wants to make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church, be confirmed and make First Communion on the Sunday after Easter (April 28th) because "I come from a Catholic family. I have been going to Catholic Mass and believe in the Catholic Faith."

Tom, who originally is from West Deptford, New Jersey is a graduate of Rutgers University. He is preparing to be confirmed on April 28th. He is a pharmacist. Tom and his wife, Catherine, did their Marriage preparation here at St. Augustine's. They were married on October 28, 2017 in North Carolina and welcomed their first child, Thomas Jordan, into the world a month ago on October 29th. Tom says he wants to be confirmed because, "I was raised in the Catholic faith and we are going to raise our son in the Catholic faith."

Please continue to keep Karen, Ashley and Tom in your prayers as they continue on their "Journey of Faith" and as they continue to learn, experience and better understand the Catholic Faith.

Happy Advent and have a great week.

Fr. Bill

