

# St. Augustine Parish

Second Sunday of Advent – December 09, 2018

*"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"*

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National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

*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

(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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# LOVE

## 2nd Sunday of 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)**



### Baptism Celebration

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

**Sunday, December 09, 2018 ♦ 11:00 AM**

**Luca Frederick Duffner,**  
son of Patrick and Cara Duffner.

***Congratulations!***

Please keep Luca's family in your prayers.

### 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.

**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.



**THE GIVING TREE**

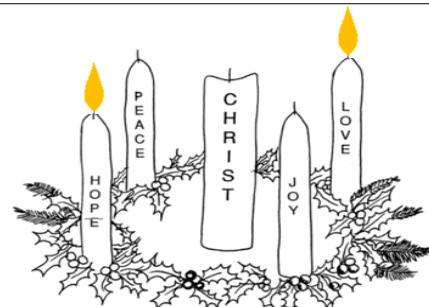
This coming Holiday Season we have a new organization to add to our tree, the **Franciscan Outreach Program**. We will be assisting 70 families this year providing clothing or a toy for each child. We will also be assisting the **Bethesda Project, Augustinian Children's Orphanage in Tagaytay City Philippines, 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 !***



**2nd Sunday of Advent - Love**



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,  
December 08 & 09, 2018**

5:15 PM Special Intention,  
Fernando & Bernadine Recta

9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney

11:00 AM Ted & VJ Tanjutco,  
49th Wedding Anniversary

7:00 PM † William Nestor

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

12:05 PM † Florence Laffey

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

12:05 PM † Angela Foley

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

12:05 PM ~~~~~

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

5:15 PM ~~~~~

7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

† = Deceased

### Sacrificial Giving

**December 01 & 02, 2018**

Number of Envelopes Used: 48

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,612.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$33.58

Electronic Giving: 40

Amount Electronic: \$863.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$21.58

Loose Money: \$473.00

Total Collection: \$2,948.00

### Electronic Giving

*It's simple!*

*It's secure!*

*It's convenient!*

Just log on to our website,

[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)

and click on:

**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**

**Parish Giving**

### The Bulletin Board

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 09, 2018**

11:00 AM Luca Frederick Duffner Baptism

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

7:00 PM Advent Program -  
Franciscan Neighborhood Outreach

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

6:30 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

6:00 PM Maher-Mundy Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

2:00 PM Maher-Mundy Wedding

7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Novena Mass

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB





## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

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## 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 !

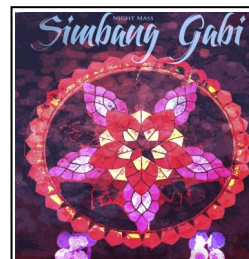
**Winter Sinulog  
Feast of Santo Niño**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**11:00 AM Mass**

**Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.**

**All Are Welcome!**



**On Saturday,  
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.**

## 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!

**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](http://www.cathedralphilaconcerts.org)

*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.



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, surrounded by Joseph, three wise men in ornate robes, and two shepherds with their sheep. The setting is a stable with palm trees and a star in the night sky.

# **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2018**

**Monday, December 24, 2018**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

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**Monday, December 31, 2018**

**Daily Mass 12:05 PM**

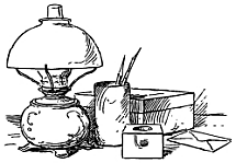
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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**New Year's Day**

**Tuesday, January 01, 2019**

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



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

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. Although it seems like Advent has just begun, it is half over. Wow! Time flies!

Pope Francis, recently talked about the fact that there are three dimensions to Advent: the past, the present and the future.

The past dimension of Advent is that we celebrate the first coming of Jesus. I love the expression that the Pope uses when he said, "we are not celebrating the birth of a Christmas Tree, but the birth of Jesus." Would someone observing us see that we are preparing to celebrate what God has done for us, or would it appear we are preparing to celebrate the birth of a Christmas Tree and all the implications of that. We will sing in our Responsorial Psalm this weekend, "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." Perhaps, in the next two weeks we can periodically repeat and reflect on that refrain.

The present dimension of Advent is the many comings of Jesus into our lives each day. He is present to us when we pick up the scriptures, when we receive the Eucharist, when we experience Jesus' forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, when we are aware of the gift of the Holy Spirit within us, when we give ourselves to our spouse as Jesus gave himself to us, when we reach out to the marginalized, when we make an effort to make peace with our own souls, our consciences, our anxieties, with a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker with whom we have small wars. May we not be too busy getting ready to celebrate the birth of the Christmas Tree to recognize the comings of Jesus each day.

The future dimension of Jesus is our encounter with him at our death and at his second coming. What do we need to do to prepare for that? Where do we need to refocus? Do we need to re-evaluate our priorities or how we use our time, talents and treasures to meet him as pure as possible? If I knew I were going to die tomorrow, what would I change? How would I prepare?

Time flies. May the next two weeks not fly by that we do not use this Advent Season to prepare well to celebrate the past, present and future comings of Jesus and not the birth of the Christmas tree.

Have a great week and a great Advent.

Fr. Bill



### **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7pm    Event: St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture**

The pro-life community rightfully focuses on Roe v. Wade. But whether Roe is reversed or not, our pro-life goal won't be achieved unless we convert the culture, the work primarily of the laity. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues.

**Speaker:** Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

**Location:** St. Genevieve Parish Church, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031

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