

St. Augustine Parish

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796



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.

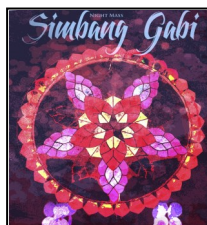


"REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY" CONCERT

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Saint Augustine Parish Choir and Saint Augustine Chamber Choir

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



On Friday, 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.



Baptism Celebration

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

Sunday, December 10, 2017 ♦ 11:00 AM

Emma Rose Rice,

daughter of Carlos Rice and Joanna Murray

Congratulations!

Please keep Emma's family in your prayers.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all flesh shall
see the salvation of God.* Luke 3:4, 6



THE GIVING TREE

St. Augustine's Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations: Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life Family House, and the Philippine Medical Mission. We ask you to take an ornament, purchase the requested gift and return it unwrapped with the ornament tag attached to the gift by **NEXT Sunday, December 17th** and place it in one of the boxes by the tree. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need during this Giving Season!

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we will soon be preparing the way for the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our parish family bi-annual **Church Cleaning Day** is just around the corner. Please join us **NEXT Sunday, December 17th at 1:00 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.



This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Thursday Evening, December 21st at 7pm**. Your help is needed!



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 09 & 10, 2017**

5:15 PM † Elsie Manning
9:00 AM The People of Ukraine
11:00 AM VJ & Ted Tanjutco,
48th Wedding Anniversary
7:00 PM † Debbie Holland

Monday, December 11, 2017

12:05 PM † Van Michel

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

12:05 PM † Philip Robertson

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

12:05 PM † Matthew Bee

Thursday, December 14, 2017

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

Friday, December 15, 2017

12:05 PM The Parish Community
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Novena

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:15 PM † Anne Manning

† = Deceased

The Second Sunday of Advent

We re-light the candle of hope and now also light the Second Purple candle of love. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose!

Love endures forever.



Sacrificial Giving

December 02 & 03, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 62
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,886.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$30.42
Electronic Giving: 36
Amount Electronic: \$899.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$24.99
Loose Money: \$547.00
Total Collection: \$3,332.00

The Bulletin Board

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2017

11:00 AM Emma Rice Baptism
1:00 PM Capital Campaign Mtg & Workshop

Monday, December 11, 2017

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 15, 2017

6:00 PM Granger-Hessemer Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16, 2017

3:00 PM Granger-Hessemer Wedding
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB

A detailed illustration of a Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe, Joseph in a brown robe, and the infant Jesus in a manger. Three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are presenting gifts. Two shepherds in simple clothing are also present, along with several white lambs. The setting is a stable with wooden beams and palm trees in the background under a starry night sky.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017

5:15 PM Vigil, Saturday, December 23, 2017

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2017

10:00 AM

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5:15 PM Vigil, Saturday, December 30, 2017

Sunday, December 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM ♦ No 7 PM Evening Mass

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year;

No Vigil Mass on Sunday Evening

New Year's Day

Monday, January 01, 2018

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

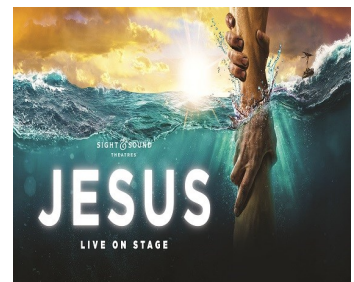
**January 21st, 2018
11:00 AM Mass**

Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.

Grief to Grace -Healing the Wounds of Abuse – Our upcoming Philadelphia area program retreat will be held February 18th to the 23rd, 2018. This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5 day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation. This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in God because of the betrayal of abuse. For more info for yourself or a loved one, contact Jeanne at info@griefftograce.org or by phone: 610-203-2002. You can also visit our website at www.griefftograce.org

Join Saint Rita Shrine for a Lancaster Trip on.....
Saturday, April 7, 2018 - See and engage with the epic **Sight and Sound Theatre** the brand NEW production of "JESUS" followed by a buffet lunch together, and outlet shopping before return. Departure (*St. Rita Shrine*): 7:30am & Return: 8:30pm. Price per person is \$150 and includes: Ticket for the performance, buffet lunch, and bus rides. Reserve now! ONLY 29 SEATS LEFT! Call Mary Bell at 215-334-5016 or Pat Bruno at 215-755-7084 or email for more information:

development@saintritaashrine.org



As part of the ongoing **DEA 360 Strategy and The Gurney Street Project**, the **Partnership for Drug-Free Kids** will be offering a free 2 ½ hour "Train the Trainer" program about the opioid crisis, parent-child communications about substance use disorder, and how to develop effective presentations about the opioid crisis that can be shared with your organization or community group. Multiple sessions of this training will be offered on **Thursday, December 14th (10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)** and **Friday, December 15th (10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.)** at **Congreso's Education Training Building** located at **2800 North American Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. If interested, please contact Fr. Bill.



A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

I hope Advent is going well. It is just about half over--incredible. May we not be caught sleeping but awake and alert to be prepared to celebrate in two weeks one of the greatest events in history--God became one with us.

The music ministry in our parish helped us to set the tone for the season by providing a fantastic concert last Saturday evening. Please see the picture on the front page of this bulletin.

Our parish is extremely blessed to have the quantity and the quality of music ministers that we have. I use that word very purposefully as it truly is a ministry. It helps all of us to pray better and to be aware of God's presence. The number of people we have involved from both the Filipino and Young Adult choirs is envious of most parishes. The caliber of the individuals is exceptional. We are truly blessed that so many talented parishioners are so generous with their time. They all have donated a great deal of time in each of the past ten weeks to be preparing for the magnificent presentation last Saturday evening.

This is all facilitated by our Music Director, Kim Barosso. He worked over these weeks with both choirs individually and together. He also "recruited" a great deal of talent from outside the parish, particularly from Temple University. We are verily grateful to all of these men and women as well who enhanced the evening for us. Not just because of this concert, but the parish is exceptionally blessed for many reasons to have Kim as our Music Director.

Like all major events, there is a great deal of "behind the scenes" that goes on to have something of this nature go so smoothly. We are grateful to those who prepared the programs, prepared the environment, prepared the food for the hall for the social, and in particular those who cleaned up (always a thankless job) so that it was 'spic and span" for two groups on Sunday morning.

Thank you, one and all for ministering to us and setting the tone for a spiritual Advent.

Have a great Second Week of Advent.

Fr. Bill



Environmental Corner

Home:

Fabric Softener

- 1) Mix 1 part vinegar, and 2 parts water together.
 - 2) Use 1/4 to 1/3 cup in the final rinse cycle
- (From www.wellnessmama.com)

Office:

- ◆ Encourage cleaning staff to use low impact cleaners

Outside:

- ◆ www.Westphillytools.org

A lending library of tools for around the house, garden and car.

