

St. Augustine Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2015

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Monday through 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

Parish Staff:

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www.spirhealth.com (215) 925-3566

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 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. 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.



New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino & American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church Social Hall on **December 31st from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Mass to follow at 12:15 AM.** Tickets are: \$15 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 contact:

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Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

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We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 20th at 1pm.**

Your help is needed!



Third Sunday of Advent – JOY!

EXTENDED ONE MORE WEEK!



St. Augustine's Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations: Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place, Augustinian

Defenders of the Rights of the Poor (ADROP), Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life Family House, and the Philippine Medical Mission. We ask you to take an ornament tag, purchase the requested gift and return it **unwrapped** by **Sunday, December 20th** and place it in the boxes under the tree.



On December 15th, at the 7:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate the great beginning of **Simbang Gabi**, the Novena of Masses, in preparation for the Christ Child's coming. Father Wilson Capellan will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH • 7:30 PM

GLORIA!

A Concert to Celebrate the Season



Back by popular demand, the Saint Augustine Chamber Choir and friends will present a concert as we prepare to celebrate the Season of Hope and Joy. A great way to begin your season of Hope and Joy, is by centering your thoughts on the true meaning of what is to come. Traditional and non-traditional Christmastime music will delight your ears. Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday & Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, December 12 & 13, 2015

5:15 PM † Teresa & Joseph Toman and David Trzybyszewski

9:00 AM The Parish Community

11:00 AM † Myrinalin Lim

7:00 PM Gracey & Kelleher Families

Monday, December 14, 2015

12:05 PM † Rosemary E. Comerford

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

12:05 PM In Honour of St. Augustine

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

12:05 PM † Anne Manning

Thursday, December 17, 2015

12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

Friday, December 18, 2015

12:05 PM Marge Smith

Saturday, December 19, 2015

5:15 PM Harold Griffith

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

December 05 & 06, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 62

Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,869.00**

Average \$/Envelope: **\$30.15**

Electronic Giving: 22

Average \$/Electronic: **\$29.63**

Loose Money: **\$765.00**

Total Collection: **\$3,286.00**

Electronic Giving

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It's secure!
It's convenient!*

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



What's Happening

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2015

12 Noon PREP (CCD) Class

1:00 PM Cleaning of the Church

Monday, December 14, 2015

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**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 17, 2015**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 18, 2015**

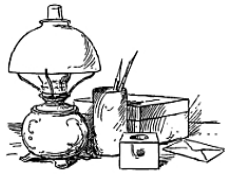
6 PM Hilditch-Zinn Wedding Rehearsal

7:30 PM GLORIA! Advent Concert

**Saturday, December 19, 2015**

2:00 PM Hilditch-Zinn Wedding

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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



Dear Parishioners:

I write this on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which Pope Francis has declared as the opening date of the "Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy." A Jubilee Year is celebrated regularly in the Church. It takes its origin from Leviticus 25:8-13 which describes in great detail the ancient custom of celebrating a Jubilee Year every 50 years.

About 700 years ago the Catholic Church adopted this Hebrew custom by proclaiming a Jubilee Year every 50 years to encourage people to return to a life of holiness. In order that most people would experience such a year at least once or twice in his or her life time, this got amended 600 years ago to have it celebrated every 25 years. (I don't plan on experiencing another one.)

The Church's last Jubilee Year was 2000. A quick subtraction would say that was only 15 years ago. So, then why this year? There also has been a tradition to have an "Extraordinary" Jubilee Year when there is a reason to do so. This was done twice before in 1933 and 1983 marking the 1900<sup>th</sup> and 1950<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the death and resurrection of Jesus. So, again we can ask why this year is there an "Extraordinary" Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis sees the extraordinary need in the world for mercy. He wants our parishes "to become islands of mercy in a sea of indifference." He wants "to bring consolation to the poor....liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern society, spiritual sight to those who have lost touch with God, and human dignity to those from whom it has been taken."

We are called to see the need we have for God's mercy. We are called to be in touch with how much mercy is extended to us by God. We are called to extend mercy to others. The theme of the year is to be "Merciful like the Father." A great way to reflect on this is to re-read the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15, 11-32). Can we identify with the need of mercy which this young man had? Can we identify with the experience he had of mercy when the loving father embraced him and welcomed him home? Can we extend that same mercy to others?

What signifies the beginning of this "Year of Mercy"? On Tuesday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened a Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. (Many of us hope to go thru that door in September when we have a parish pilgrimage which includes a visit to Rome--- more about this later-- see brochures in the back of the church). There will a similar ritual in every basilica and cathedral all over the world, including the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul here in Philadelphia when Archbishop Chaput will open the Holy Door at the Cathedral within this Sunday's (December 13<sup>th</sup>) 6:30 PM Mass.

I plan to continue to discuss this "Year of Mercy" in my letter next week. I would like to remind each of us of the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy and some concrete suggestions for how we may respond to Pope Francis' invitation "to travel this path of mercy."

Have a great week.

Father Bill

### Schedule of Christmas Masses

**December 24, 2015:**  
**5:30 PM, 8:30 PM & 10:30 PM**  
(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

**December 25, 2015:**  
**10:00 AM**



### Schedule of New Year's Masses

**Solemnity of Mary,  
The Mother of God**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**January 1, 2016:**  
**12:15 AM** (After the N.Y. Eve Party)  
**10:00 AM & 7:00 PM**