

St. Augustine Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 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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3rd 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)



**January 18, 2019
Washington, D.C.**

www.marchforlife.org

End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing
pro-life people in the public square.



**The Third
Sunday of Advent**

Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I say,
rejoice. Let your
forbearance be known to all, for
the Lord is near at hand; have no
anxiety about anything, but in all
things, by prayer and supplica-
tion, with thanksgiving, let your
requests be known to God. Lord,
you have blessed your land; you
have turned away the captivity of
Jacob."

Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1

SAVE THE DATE!

**MARRIAGE DAY
OF REFLECTION**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 23, 2019
10:30 AM TO 6:30 PM
(CONCLUDES WITH MASS)**

**Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in
Christ...** Seeking spiritual support in the jour-
ney towards recovery? Many parishes around the
Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and
loving hand to those who have an addiction as well
as their families and loved ones. The Hope in
Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage
provides a central location for resources, ongoing
support, events, and testimonies that are happening
throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit
archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic
resources available to you or a loved one.



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 17th. 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 !



3rd Sunday of Advent - JOY



**Mass
Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 15 & 16, 2018**

5:15 PM Young & Ong Families
9:00 AM Young & Ong Families
11:00 AM † Rodolfo Tan
7:00 PM † Debbie Holland

Monday, December 17, 2018

12:05 PM † Kitty Buckiewicz

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Friday, December 21, 2018

12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

Saturday, December 22, 2018

5:15 PM Young & Ong Families

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

December 08 & 09, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used: 59
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,558.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$26.41
Electronic Giving: 51
Amount Electronic: \$1,493.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$29.28
Loose Money: \$561.00
Total Collection: \$3,612.00

Electronic Giving

It's simple!

It's secure!

It's convenient!

Just log on to our website,

www.st-augustinechurch.com

and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



**Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Monday, December 17, 2018

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner
7:00 PM Advent Program
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 21, 2018

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Saturday, December 22, 2018

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 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:

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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 20th, 2019 11:00 AM Mass

Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.

All Are Welcome!



Pre-Christmas Concert ♦ Friday Evening, December 7, 2018

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, the three wise men, shepherds, and animals like sheep and doves. The scene is set in a stable with palm trees and a bright 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

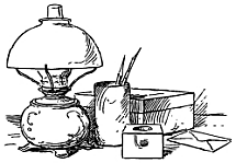
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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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:

The concert last weekend was certainly one of the highlights of 2018 in the parish. What makes it a highlight? It brought together so many different people: parishioners who have been here a number of years, new parishioners, former parishioners, members of the Filipino community, families with young children, relatives and friends of those who were singing, individuals from across the street and individuals from a distance, relatives and friends of parishioners and others as well. What a wonderful thing it is to bring so many and such a diversified group together--not just for the concert but also for the reception which followed. What makes it a highlight? One never knows how someone is affected by being there. It may be the first time someone had been in a church for a long time and it may have been an impetus to bring them back again. It may have placed some in a better spiritual frame of mind to celebrate Christmas. For example, right before the concert began last week, a woman came up to me and said because she was so inspired by last year's concert she wanted to give the parish a painting which she painted of "Old City at Night." It is now hanging in our parish office as a reminder and a symbol of all the aforementioned.

Such a wonderful experience doesn't just happen without a great deal of work. The members of the choirs and instrumentalists devoted innumerable hours to preparing since September. A great deal of time and energy takes place behind the scenes, organizing who goes where and when, creating the environment and special effects, preparing for the social, and cleaning up the church and Carr Hall after everyone is gone. Many thanks to one and all, but especially to Kim Barasso, our parish music director who coordinated so much of the entire experience.

As we enter into the last days of Advent, we can take a clue from Pope Francis of how to prepare for Christmas. He suggests we cultivate the attitudes of joy, prayer, and thanksgiving during these days: cultivate the attitude of joy because "when we reflect that Jesus came to the earth to restore our dignity as children of God.....it gives joy," with an attitude of prayer "we can enter a stable relationship with God, who is the source of true joy" and the attitude of thanksgiving helps us "to recognize God's beneficence, merciful love, patience and goodness." Perhaps we could take five minutes each day in a quiet setting thinking about these three things.

As I mentioned last week, Pope Francis reminds us that Christmas is not celebrating the birth of the Christmas tree, but the birth of our God who became one with us so that we can become one with him. Making the effort to cultivate the attitudes of joy, prayer and thanksgiving during these last days of Advent will help us to experience Christmas in an authentic way.

Have a great week.

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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