

# St. Augustine Parish

*Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 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.*

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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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**Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.**



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



### Baptism Celebration

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

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

**Lizabelle Faith Basa,**

daughter of Wilfredo and Leizel Basa.

***Congratulations!***

*Please keep Lizabelle's family in your prayers.*

### Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus's conception at Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Sail on the Sea of Galilee.

please contact **Susan at:**  
**1-800-842-4842**, email her at  
**susan@select-intl.com** or  
**www.selectinternationaltours.com**

Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the Holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from **February 1 to 11, 2018**. For more info



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

*Your help is needed!*



Dear Parishioners & Friends:

We want to personally thank all of our Parishioners and Friends of the Parish for their generosity with the "Giving Tree." All the organizations that have participated this year extend their utmost thanks to all for their wonderful gifts and thoughtfulness.

If any parishioners have an organization that they would like the "Giving Tree" to assist for next year's (2018) Holiday Season, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



### 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 supplication, 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*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

*Isaiah 61:1*



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,  
December 16 & 17, 2017**

5:15 PM † Anne Manning  
9:00 AM Joseph Regatti and Family  
11:00 AM Rion Largoza  
7:00 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the O.S.A.

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

12:05 PM Young and Ong Families

**Friday, December 22, 2017**

12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

5:15 PM Nadene Shearstone & Family

† = Deceased

### Sacrificial Giving

**December 09 & 10, 2017**

Number of Envelopes Used: **51**  
Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,285.00**  
Average \$/Envelope: **\$25.20**  
Electronic Giving: **38**  
Amount Electronic: **\$1,165.00**  
Average \$/Electronic: **\$30.66**  
Loose Money: **\$709.00**  
Total Collection: **\$3,159.00**

### The Bulletin Board

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 17, 2017**

1:00 PM Church Cleaning  
8:00 PM 7 PM Mass Monthly Social

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

6:00 PM McCabe-Foley Rehearsal  
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

7:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, December 22, 2017**

3:30 PM McCabe-Foley Wedding  
7:00 PM Blakemore-Merlino Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

9:00 AM Lizabelle Basa Baptism  
3:00 PM Blakemore-Merlino Wedding  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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



Dear Parishioners:

As you know, next Sunday, December 24th, is the 4th Sunday of Advent and also Christmas Eve. What? How can it be both? Well, it depends about what time of the day next Sunday you are talking. The morning is the 4th Sunday of Advent and the afternoon and evening is Christmas Eve, at least liturgically in the Church world. What are the ramifications of this for us? There is no "two for one." One liturgy does not take care of both obligations. They are two distinct celebrations. On Saturday afternoon (December 23 at 5:15 PM) and Sunday morning (December 24 at 10:00AM) we will be concluding our observance of Advent, preparing for Christmas. Sunday afternoon and evening (December 24 at 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM. and 10:30 PM) and Monday morning (December 25 at 10:00 AM) we will be celebrating Christmas. I realize this can be confusing but it is because Christmas falls on a Monday this year.

Our Christmas schedule has been mailed to all parishioners who receive envelopes as well as to those who take advantage of the online giving program. Copies of it have been inserted within the bulletin the past several weeks as it is again this weekend. There are copies in the back of the church. Please put one of these flyers (not hockey player) in a visible spot in your home. You also will find the schedule on the homepage of our website and on the voicemail of our phone. We are going to ask parishioners to place these flyers in whatever public places they can, e.g. their condos or stores with which they are familiar. Or, better yet, give it to someone you know. A great means of evangelization is for you to share this information with others. It also reduces hundreds of phone calls to the parish.

In my letter last weekend, I informed you how wonderful the pre-Christmas concert was. I would like to share a letter with you which I received after I wrote that letter;

*Dear Father, I attended the Christmas concert on Saturday and I just wanted to let you know what a blessing it was. The word beautiful doesn't do it justice. I was very touched and want to express my gratitude for all the people who made that amazing evening possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*Julie XXXX (West Chester, PA)*

Have a great week shopping, decorating, cooking, putting up decorations, etc. As you do, please remember "the reason for the season."

Fr. Bill



### **Environmental Corner**

#### **Home:**

- ◆ Old sheets, pillow cases and blankets are often needed and accepted at animal shelters.



#### **Office:**

- ◆ Ask everyone for ideas to recycle, reuse and reduce and make sure the information is posted and shared.

#### **Outside:**

- ◆ Fittler Square Farmers Market is open all year long, S. 23rd Street & Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 575-0444



A detailed illustration of a 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, shepherds with their flock of sheep, and angels. The setting is a stable with palm trees and 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



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday, December 25, 2017**

10:00 AM



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



**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 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:

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

Elgene Morales - 267.307.8145

Cesar Manguba - 215.613.8627

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## Save the Date !

**Winter Sinulog  
Feast of Santo Niño  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
11:00 AM Mass**

**Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.  
All Are Welcome!**

**Grief to Grace -Healing the Wounds of Abuse** – Our upcoming Philadelphia area program retreat will be held **February 18<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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@griegtograce.org](mailto:info@griegtograce.org)** or by phone: **610-203-2002.** You can also visit our website at **[www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)**



**Were You Born at Misericordia Hospital???** Mercy Philadelphia Hospital, formally Misericordia Hospital, is **celebrating 100 years of service.** We invite those born at Misericordia to discover their birthplace and our proud heritage. Join us on **Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 2PM to 4PM** for an **open house tour and reception**, including cake

and a birthday toast to celebrate our centennial. RSVP required: Call Mercy Philadelphia Hospital Administration at 215-748-9300 by January 21, 2018. Free parking is available in our parking garage. **501 South 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143**

## 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*

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions



### December 2017 The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### January 2018

#### Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

***Please remember the Holy Father's intentions in your own daily prayers.***



**JANUARY 19, 2018  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**MARRIAGE DAY OF REFLECTION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**