



# St. Augustine Parish

*Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2016*

*"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**

## *Mission Statement:*

*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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**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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## **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.

**Pope Francis' December 2016  
Prayer Intentions**

**Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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

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



Our parish family bi-annual **Church Cleaning Day** has arrived. Please join us today, **Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you here.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,  
December 17 & 18, 2016**

5:15 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA  
9:00 AM Shearstone Family  
11:00 AM † Dr. Nacianceno T. Largoza  
7:00 PM † Sean Donnelly

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

12:05 PM † Alfred David Patient

**Thursday, December 22, 2016**

12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

**Friday, December 23, 2016**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

**Christmas Eve**

5:30 PM X. L. Marie Griffith  
8:30 PM Young & Ong Families  
10:30 PM † Dante Burce

† = Deceased



**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: \$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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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel !*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel !*



This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on:

**Thursday Evening,  
December 22nd  
at 7pm.**

*Your help is needed!*



**Fourth Sunday of Advent - PEACE**

**Sacrificial Giving**

**December 10 & 11, 2016**

Number of Envelopes Used: 69  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,833.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$26.57  
Electronic Giving: 26  
Amount Electronic: \$735.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$28.27  
Loose Money: \$899.00  
Total Collection: \$3,467.00

**Baptism Celebration**

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



**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**Gio Bucci,**

son of Carmen & Lora Bucci.

*Congratulations!*

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

**The Bulletin Board**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

11:00 AM Gio Bucci Baptism  
1:00 PM Christmas Church Cleaning

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

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

**Thursday, December 22, 2016**

7:00 PM Christmas Church Decorating  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 23, 2016**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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



Dear Parishioners:

Verse 10 of Psalm 90 says: "The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty for those who are strong....." Saturday of this weekend (December 17th) Pope Francis celebrates his 80th birthday. He indeed is strong. He is strong in faith, strong in character, strong in health, strong in conviction, and strong in compassion and mercy. And the Church is stronger because of him. He was elected Pope when there was a great deal of scandals in the church in general and at the Vatican, specifically.

When Pope Francis was in Philadelphia a year ago, I heard many people say, "It feels good again to be a Catholic." Many Christians who are not Catholic as well as many non-Christians have a great admiration for him because of his openness and welcoming style. People see him as authentic (the real thing), humble, and a great model of one with sensitivity to the poor and marginalized.

I like to think that our parish has been positively influenced by him. Several years ago our Parish Pastoral Council read and reflected on Pope Francis' Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel." As a result of that exercise, we developed a Pastoral Plan for the parish. Last spring and summer a group of parishioners read and discussed the Pope's Exhortation (as a follow up to the Synod on Family Life) entitled, "The Joy of Love." As a result of that exercise, the group decided to facilitate a Day of Reflection for married couples which will take place on February 11, 2017. Right now, during Advent, another group of parishioners (and some non-parishioners) are reading and discussing the Pope's latest encyclical concerning the environment "On Care of our Common Home." Stay tuned on what may be the result of this exercise.

As we celebrate Pope Francis' 80th birthday, I recommend to your reading a book which just recently has been published. I am almost finished it. It is entitled "Pilgrimage." It is written by Mark Shriver of the Shriver/Kennedy family. Mark travels to Argentina and spends a great deal of time at the places of Jorge Bergoglio's (Pope Francis) journey. He meets and talks with many people who knew Pope Francis at the different stages of his life: when he was a child, when he was in school, when he was seriously ill, when he decided to become a priest, when he was in formation for Religious Life and Priesthood, when he was first ordained, when he was Provincial of the Jesuits, when he was in charge of the Jesuit formation program, when he was a bishop and cardinal. It would make a great Christmas present to yourself or to another. It is available "online" which is where I have been reading it.

We know Pope Francis uses the social media for evangelization purposes. For example, he tweets (I don't). Because of his affinity for the technology of today, the Vatican is encouraging as many as possible to email Pope Francis to wish him a happy 80th birthday. For English speaking the email address is **PopeFrancis80@vatican.va** to send your greeting.

May we all, by email and/or prayer wish Pope Francis a happy 80th birthday. May we thank God for his service to the Church and pray for the continued blessing of his great health so that he will remain strong for many years to come.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



*Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.*  
(Isaiah 7:14)

*O come, O Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Amen.*