

St. Augustine Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018

and

The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas – December 25, 2018

"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. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each

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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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January 18, 2019
Washington, D.C.

www.marchforlife.org

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

SAVE THE DATE!

**MARRIAGE DAY
OF REFLECTION**

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

Please visit our parish
website for all of the latest
parish news and events!
www.st-augustinechurch.com



Please visit our Facebook:
St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 25th ~ CLOSED
Wednesday, December 26th ~ Re-Open
at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1st ~ CLOSED

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to
make a candy that would symbolize the true
meaning of Christmas - Jesus.

The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to
represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages.
The candy was made of white to stand for the
purity of Jesus. The red represents the
blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to
remember the real meaning of Christmas.....Jesus!



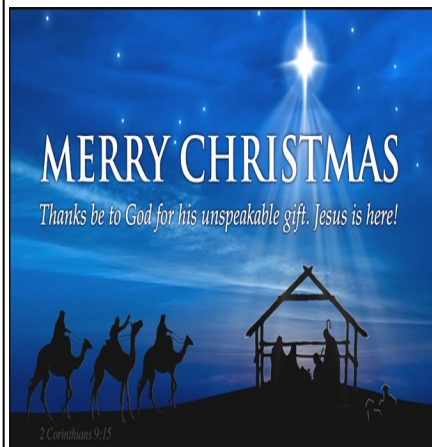
Did You Know?

The birthplace of
Jesus, "Bethlehem,"
means "House of

Bread." Many ancient commenta-
tors interpret this as prefiguring the
Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in
the "House of Bread," and comes to
us in the form of Living Bread,
every time we receive him under
the forms of bread and wine in the
Blessed Sacrament.



The nativity scene, or crèche,
was first popularized by Saint
Francis of Assisi in the 13th
Century. Many put out most
of the nativity scene before
Christmas, but wait until
December 25th to place Baby
Jesus in the manger, and wait
until the feast of the Epiphany
to arrange the Magi. Setting
up the crib can be an occasion
for prayer and the reading of
Holy Scripture.



4th Sunday of Advent - PEACE



**Mass
Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 22 & 23, 2018**

5:15 PM Young & Ong Families
9:00 AM Young & Ong Families
11:00 AM † Fernando Dacanay
7:00 PM † Anna & Marian Stachowcz

Monday, December 24, 2018

5:30 PM Young & Ong Families
8:30 PM The Parish Community
10:30 PM Young & Ong Families

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM For the People

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

12:05 PM † Christopher Mermer

Thursday, December 27, 2018

12:05 PM † John A. Georeno

Friday, December 28, 2018

12:05 PM † Christopher Mermer

Saturday, December 29, 2018

5:15 PM Young & Ong Families

† = Deceased

**The
Bulletin Board**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 23, 2018**

Monday, December 24, 2018

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018
CHRISTMAS DAY
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, December 27, 2018

5:00 PM Devine-Quattrone Rehearsal

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 28, 2018

2:00 PM Devine-Quattrone Wedding

Saturday, December 29, 2018

2:00 PM Oman-Merlini 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 seated in a manger, holding the infant Jesus. Three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are kneeling and offering gifts. Two shepherds in simple clothing stand nearby, one holding a staff. Several white lambs are scattered in the foreground. The setting is a rustic stable with wooden beams and straw. In the background, palm trees and a bright star in the night sky are visible. The overall tone is peaceful and reverent.

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



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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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

January 2019

Evangelization – For Our Your People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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



– 11th Annual Man Up Philly – Catholic Men's Conference ♦ March 9, 2019

At *Neumann University's Mirenda Center*, men are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout all of the Archdiocese for the 11th Annual Archdiocesan *Catholic Men's Conference*.

www.manupphilly.com



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño

January 20th, 2019 11:00 AM Mass

Light Lunch to follow Mass in Carr Hall.

All Are Welcome!

Prayer for Christmas Dinner

Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

Nativity Prayer of St. Augustine

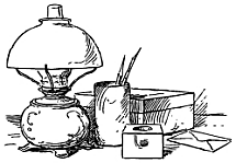
Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, For their Saviour is born. Let the captives rejoice, For their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, For their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, For Jesus Christ is born. Amen.

Christmas Tree Blessing Prayer

Lord our God, the heavens are the work of your hands, the moon and the stars you made; the earth and the sea, and every living creature came into being by your word. And all of us, too.

May this tree bring cheer to this house though Jesus Christ your good and holy Son, who brings life and beauty to us and to our world. Lighting this tree, we hope in his promise. Amen.





A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

I am sure we all will be celebrating in various ways this week. Some of us will be traveling to be with loved ones as we hear Mary traveling to see Elizabeth in this Sunday's Gospel. We all will see Christmas trees lit, some outside and some inside. We all will receive and give gifts. Most of us will have a meal with family and friends. Why are we doing all of this?

As we travel, may we remember Jesus traveled to us and became one like us so that we could be like him. In more theological jargon, by coming to earth Jesus took on our humanity, so that we could share in his divinity.

May the lights we put up and the ones we see remind us that Jesus brought us out of darkness into light. The result of the first sin was that we lost paradise and union with God. Like the Israelites who we heard about all thru Advent, we were in darkness on our journey. Jesus came and identified himself saying he was "the light of the world." By following him we can share in the eternal light. At our baptism our parents and Godparents were given a candle, a light lit from the Paschal (Easter) Candle and told to keep the flame of faith burning brightly.

We all have a need to be loved, accepted in our frailties and to be affirmed. God has given us the gift of Jesus to give us a very definite sign of God's total unconditional gift for us and to affirm us in our brokenness.

Jesus has given us himself in the Eucharist, his body and blood, so that as we share this Eucharistic meal with God's family we can be strengthened on our journey to the Kingdom like the Israelites were strengthened on their journey to the Promise Land.

We can go thru the motions this week of traveling, seeing lights, giving and receiving gifts and sharing meals with loved ones. We can do these things because it is what we do every year and it is what everyone else is doing and it is what is expected of us. Or, we can do these things this week because we truly appreciate and want to celebrate Jesus coming into our lives and being the light, the gift, and the nourishment for us to have eternal life with him.

Have a wonderful Christmas week.

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko !

