

St. Augustine Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017

*and
The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas – December 25, 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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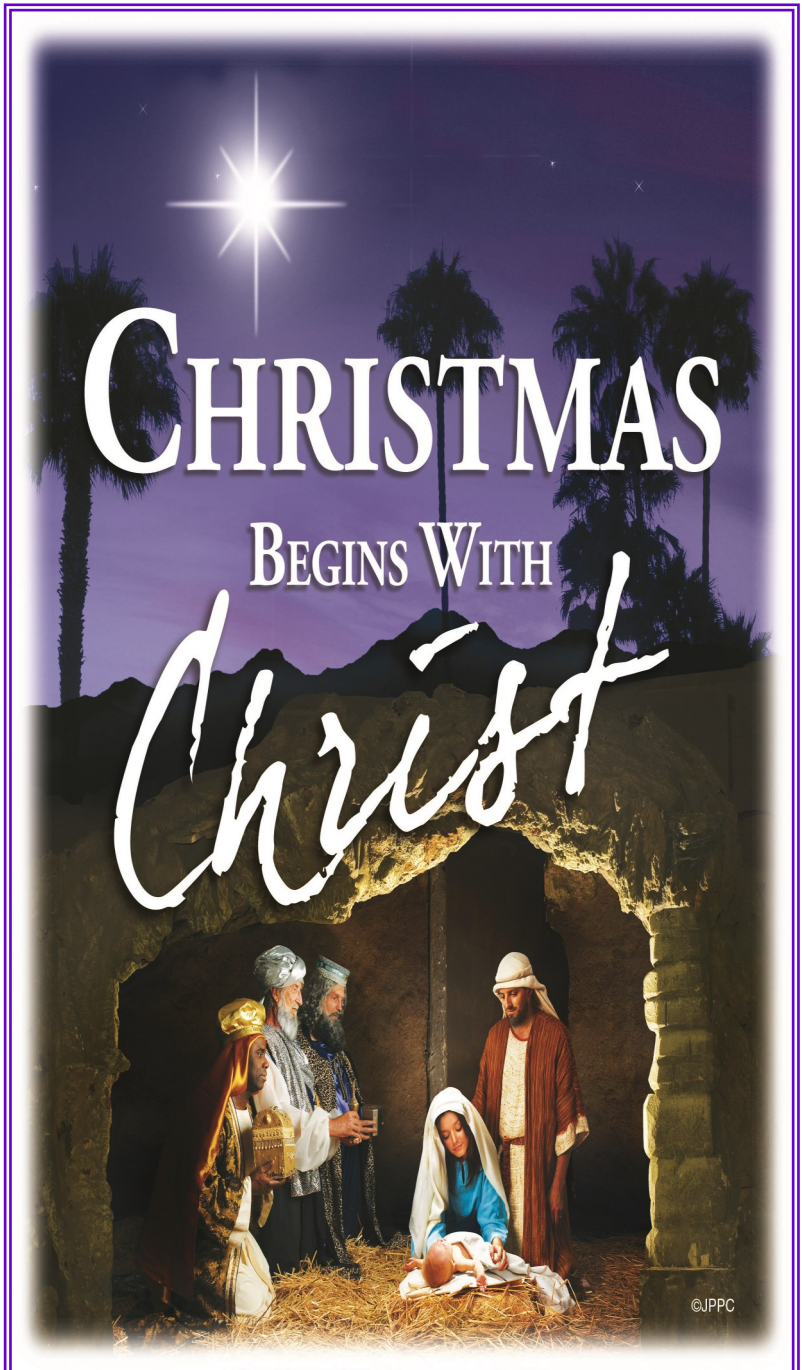
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Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

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.

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



*....For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord....*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

December 25th Monday ~ CLOSED
December 26th Tuesday ~ Re-Open at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
January 1st Monday ~ CLOSED



Did You Know?

The birthplace of Jesus, "Bethlehem," means "House of Bread." Many ancient commentators 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.

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



Please visit our Facebook Page:

St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia



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 pureness 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!



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 23 & 24, 2017**

5:15 PM Nadene Shearstone & Family

10:00 AM † Dr. Nacianceno T. Largoza

5:30 PM Deceased Members of the
Gracey Family

8:30 PM † Dr. Carmen Estacio

10:30 PM Care of the Environment

**Monday, December 25, 2017
Christmas Day**

10:00 AM For the People

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

12:05 PM Members of the
Maryknoll Congregation

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

12:05 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

Thursday, December 28, 2017

12:05 PM For Peace in the World

Friday, December 29, 2017

12:05 PM † Kreed Joshua

Saturday, December 30, 2017

5:15 PM Young & Ong Families

† = Deceased

The nativity scene, or crèche, was 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.



Sacrificial Giving December 16 & 17, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 55
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,076.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$37.75
Electronic Giving: 30
Amount Electronic: \$625.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$20.83
Loose Money: \$606.00
Total Collection: \$3,307.00

The Bulletin Board

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24, 2017**

**Monday, December 25, 2017
Christmas Day
MERRY CHRISTMAS !**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB**

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group**

**Thursday, December 28, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB**

**Friday, December 29, 2017
3:30 PM Goodwin-Kinsella Rehearsal**

**Saturday, December 30, 2017
2:30 PM Goodwin-Kinsella Wedding
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB**



A word from Fr. Bill.....



Dear Parishioners:

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent and Blessed Christmas to all. This weekend we celebrate both.

Even though it has been a quick Advent, it has been a beautiful one in our parish. There are many elements which has made it so. Our choirs set the tone (pun intended) with a beautiful concert. There were three small groups which shared insights into the Sunday Gospels. Many parishioners donated hundreds of gifts from "The Giving Tree" for five agencies. Our Capital Campaign is beginning to take shape.

For these weeks of Advent, we have heard the scriptures preparing us for the great gift of Jesus. As we gather this weekend to share time and perhaps a meal with relatives and friends, to exchange gifts, and to tell each other how beautiful the decorations are, may we keep in mind the reason for it all.

To help us do that perhaps we can reflect on the words of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis says, "After Jesus has come into the world, it is impossible to act as if we do not know God, or as if he were something that is abstract, empty, a purely nominal reference. No, God has a real face, he has a name: God is mercy, God is faithfulness, he is life which is given to us all."

As we partake in the trees, gifts, meals and decorations, may all of that be an outward sign that we do know God and that we will respond to his great gift to us. As we reflect on the second person of the Blessed Trinity setting aside his glory in order to identify with us, accepting the limitations of a human, being born in a filthy stable, it hopefully will change our hearts so that our lives will reflect that we do know God and that we want to be more like God as God became like us.

Have a wonderful Christmas week.

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko !



A detailed painting of a Nativity scene serves as the background. It depicts the Virgin Mary in a blue robe, Joseph in a brown robe, and the infant Jesus lying in a manger. Three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are on the left, offering gifts. Two shepherds in simple robes are on the right, one kneeling in prayer. Several white lambs are scattered in the foreground. The setting is a stable with wooden beams and palm trees in the background under 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 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:

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

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Save the Date !

**Winter Sinulog
Feast of Santo Niño**

**January 21st, 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 18th to the 23rd, 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** or by phone: **610-203-2002.** You can also visit our website at **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**

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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