

St. Augustine Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 27, 2015

"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 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.



New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino & American food (BYOB) at St. Augustine Church Social Hall on **December 31st 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:

Fernando Dacanay - 484.995.1359

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



Winter Sinulog

Feast of Santo Nino

Our annual Mass and festival in honor of Santo Nino will be held
~ Sunday ~
January 17th, 2016.

Mass begins at **11:00 AM** followed by a procession inside the church. After the procession, there will be a light luncheon in the social hall.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."
~ Pope Francis

Visit our parish website:
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and on the homepage click on the icon above to learn all about the **Jubilee Year of Mercy.**



Schedule of New Year's Day Masses

**Solemnity of Mary,
The Mother of God**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**January 1, 2016:
12:15 AM**

(After the N.Y. Eve Party)

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday & Sunday,

December 26 & 27, 2015

5:15 PM X. L. Griffith

9:00 AM † John A. Georeno

11:00 AM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

7:00 PM Young & Ong Families

Monday, December 28, 2015

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 31, 2015

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

Friday, January 01, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

12:15 AM

10:00 AM The Parish Community

7:00 PM Matthew A. Gajkowski

Saturday, January 02, 2016

5:15 PM Silverio Berarducci and Family

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

December 12 & 13, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 64

Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,879.00**

Average \$/Envelope: **\$29.36**

Electronic Giving: 18

Average \$/Electronic: **\$24.27**

Loose Money: **\$781.00**

Total Collection: **\$3,097.00**

Electronic Giving

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It's secure!
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www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



What's Happening

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 27, 2015**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

Monday, December 28, 2015

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**Tuesday, December 29, 2015**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, December 30, 2015**

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 31, 2015**

7:00 PM New Year's Eve Party

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, January 01, 2016**

**Happy New Year !**

Holy Day of Obligation

**Saturday, January 02, 2016**

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

I trust everyone had a very nice Christmas, truly celebrating God's love and mercy for us in giving us His son, Jesus. Many things and many people go into the parish's celebration of this great event. Some things and some people are more obvious and some are very much behind the scenes. I would like attempt to thank some of those who helped us as a parish to prepare for and celebrate this great feast. If I miss anyone, it certainly is not intentional.

I would like to thank all those who took a tag from the "The Giving Tree" and brought back a gift for one of the six agencies who are the recipients of your kindness. In particular I would like to thank Deidre Gatta who oversaw this entire project. Deidre contacted the six agencies to see what they needed; she prepared the tags for the tree; she sorted all the gifts by agencies; and saw to it that they each agency received them in time for Christmas. When I thanked Deidre for her incredible contribution, she said "It is a pleasure because this will bring a lot of joy to a lot of people." This joy was brought to people at "Women of Hope", "Our Brothers Place", "Augustinians Defender of the Poor", "Adeodatus Prison Ministry", "Gift of Life Family House", and "The Philippine Medical Mission."

Very much behind the scenes was a group of young adults who spent many hours on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> cleaning the kitchen in Carr Hall. They washed the walls, put all the plates and silverware thru a dishwasher, cleaned all the pots and pans thoroughly, cleaned the oven and cleaned the inside of the refrigerator. Special thanks goes to Jane O'Connor who initiated and facilitated this project. This was a tremendous service to our entire parish community and to everyone who uses Carr Hall. The challenge now is to keep it clean which was a thorough discussion at our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

Talking about volunteering, we are grateful to the parishioners who gave of their time on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to clean the church and to the parishioners who volunteered their time to decorate the church on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. A lot of times when we come to church on Christmas we just presume it will be clean and it will be decorated. It takes a lot dedicated and generous hands for this to happen. I am especially grateful to Ray Borres who oversaw these endeavors of love. We also owe a debt to Bob Zigmund, our new Facilities Director, who normally does not come to work on Saturdays or Sundays, but who did come both of those days to be a resource for the volunteers.

The Pre-Christmas Concert, Gloria!, on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> was just outstanding which reflects our total music ministry here at St Augustine's. It was well named as it truly was glorious. Very fittingly it represented our parish community as members of our young adult choir, some of their friends, and members of the Filipino choir were all a part of this. Those who participated spent hours and hours over several months to prepare. A genuine thanks goes to Kin Barasso, our parish Music Director, whose great expertise was able to orchestrate (pun intended) all the people involved and the entire concert.

Another thing we can take for granted is that there will be refreshments after such an event. This is very important in order to have the opportunity to socialize as a community. Of course, this doesn't just happen. I am very appreciative to Lita Manguba and Jacob Marquart and others who stepped up to make sure this took place.

All of the things I mentioned are not just "things" which took place. But rather they represent generous faith filled parishioners who donated their time, talents and treasures so that we could adequately celebrate the greatest event in history, that out of love God became one like us so we could have the opportunity of heaven. All of the people involved in all of the "things" mentioned above reflect that love of God in our parish community.

Have a great week and especially have a wonderful New Year.

Fr. Bill