

St. Augustine Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 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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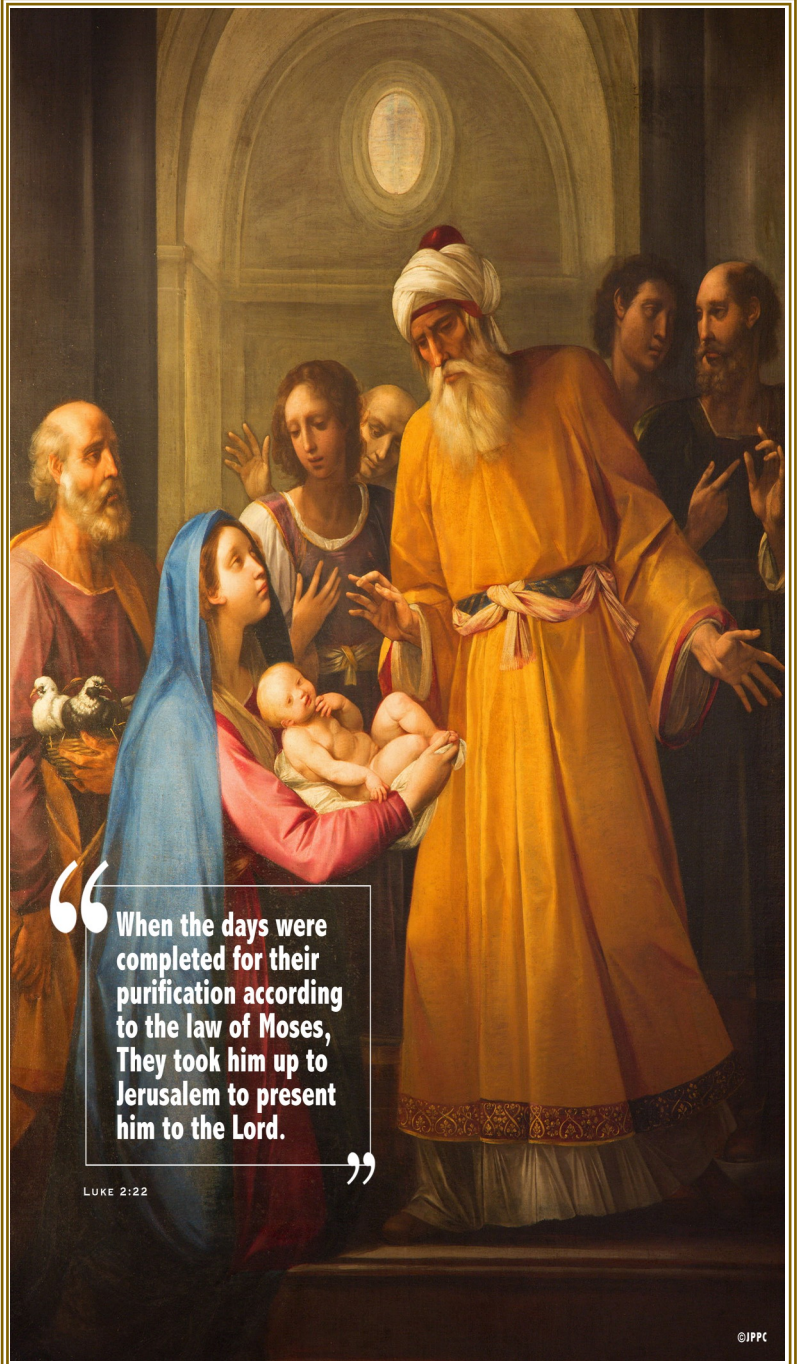
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Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

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

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www.st-augustinechurch.com



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St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño

Our annual Mass and festival in honor of

Santo Niño will be held on

Sunday, January 21st, 2018. Mass begins at **11:00 AM** followed by a procession inside the church. After the procession, there will be a light luncheon in Carr Hall.

All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

VIVA SANTO NIÑO! PIT SEÑOR!

A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint.....

Saint Fulgentius, Bishop • January 3rd

Fulgentius was born in 462 of the Gordiani senatorial family at Thelepte in Tunisia. As a young man he was a procurator, an office in the Vandal administration which included the collection of taxes. Later he felt a call to the religious life and decided to enter after reading Saint Augustine's exposition of Psalm 36. About the year 499 he set out to join the hermits of the Thebaid in Egypt, but arriving in Sicily he changed his mind, when he learned of the influence of monophysitism on Egyptian monks. He visited Rome in 500 and was elected Bishop of Ruspe in 502. He was twice exiled to Sardinia and died at Ruspe on January 1, 527. As his writings show he was a keen student of Augustinian doctrine, and his form of monasticism clearly follows the mind and way of life of the saint. Indeed he was popularly known as the *pocket Augustine*. He loved the ideal of community life and the actual living of it. Disliking to be away from the fellowship of monks, he founded several monasteries not only in Africa but while in exile. The Order has been celebrating his feast since 1581 on January 3rd.



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 30 & 31, 2017**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
5:15 PM Young & Ong Families
9:00 AM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno
11:00 AM Young & Ong Families
7:00 PM **NO 7PM MASS**

Monday, January 01, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God
12:15 AM (Midnight) Young & Ong Families
10:00 AM Young & Ong Families
7:00 PM † Immaculata Concepcion Ocampo

Tuesday, January 02, 2018

12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the O.S.A.

Wednesday, January 03, 2018

12:05 PM † Jane Dougherty Smith

Thursday, January 04, 2018

12:05 PM † Jean B. LaRosa

Friday, January 05, 2018

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

Saturday, January 06, 2018

5:15 PM The Parish Community

† = Deceased

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

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.



The Bulletin Board

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday, December 31, 2017**

Monday, January 01, 2018
Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God
Happy New Year !

Tuesday, January 02, 2018
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, January 03, 2018
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, January 04, 2018
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, January 05, 2018

Saturday, January 06, 2018
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As one year comes to an end and another year begins, we have the opportunity to thank God for all the wonderful things that happened in our parish in 2017 and ask for God's blessings in 2018.

In 2017 we had the opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Filipino community at St. Augustine. It was wonderful to have with us for that occasion the Prior General and Vicar General of the Augustinians, Father Alejandro Moral Antón, OSA and Father Joe Farrell, OSA. 94 persons registered as new parishioners in the parish during 2017. 54 couples celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in the calendar year of 2017. We had 11 Baptisms in 2017. It is a wonderful thing to be able to say we end the year with basically all of our bills paid. That is largely due to your generosity. In 2017, we saw the innovation of two, "Theology on Taps," one on the topic of "Christian-Muslim Relations" and the second on "Exorcism." We had the first Day of Reflection for married couples on Valentine's weekend with approximately 15 couples participating. In June, there was an article published in the National Catholic Reporter concerning the influence Pope Francis' exhortations have had on our parish. We saw the beginning of a new endeavor called "Renew" with three small groups sharing insights to the Gospels during Advent. Of course one of the highlights of our parish year is the pre-Christmas concert. This is the result of months of preparation by maybe 60 parishioners and guests. There is no doubt that the attendance at this year's concert was the largest ever. We experienced one sad thing during the year and that was the death of Fernando Dacanay, one of the original Filipinos to come to our parish and certainly a backbone of the Filipino community here.

It is extremely important to point out that none of these things could have taken place without the extremely competent staff we have in the parish. I would be lost (literally) without Jacob, Jean, Kim, Bob, and Tim. I had the wonderful guidance and collaboration of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Commission with all of the above and more. I am grateful during the past year for the help of Fathers Tony, Paul and Jim. They have given me the opportunity to take a day off, go on retreat and go on vacation.

We ask for God's blessings in 2018. We will have our second Day of Reflection for married couples on February 10th. The theme will be, "Love in Marriage - Growing in Love." We will have our third Theology on Tap on February 11th concerning "End of Life Issues" with Fr. Jim McCartney, OSA of Villanova giving the keynote address and one of our parishioners, Lori Bellizzi, a nurse, and hopefully a doctor sharing their real experiences concerning the topic. We will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with six men and women during the Easter Season. Fr. Peter Donahue, OSA, the President of Villanova University will be the presider and homilist at the Summer Sinulog on August 19th. One of the most significant and unique things for which we ask God's blessings in 2018 is our Capital Campaign. After a great deal of work (engineering study, feasibility study, development of a Steering Committee, five task forces, a case statement and a video, we are ready to launch. Our goal is \$750,000. This will go to improvements on the property (windows in the Women of Hope building, conversion of the heating system in the Ministries Building, restoration of pews and kneelers in the church, handicap accessible bathrooms in Carr Hall and the church, façade work on the church directed by the city, assessment of needs of our art in the church as well as other things) the development of a preservation account and some funds for ministry. This is a mammoth project for the parish in 2018, but one that will benefit the parish for many years to come.

Please join me in thanking God for His blessings on all of our endeavors in 2017 and asking for His blessings on our endeavors in 2018.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Bill



JANUARY 19, 2018

Washington, D.C.

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SAVE THE DATE!

MARRIAGE DAY OF REFLECTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018