## St. Augustine R. C. Parish

### The Epiphany of the Lord – January 03, 2021

National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú

"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 other.

Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.

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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule: Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed) (10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM— Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM (All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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A word from Fr. Bill .....

Dear Parishioners:

2021!!!! Sounds funny doesn't it? Sounds good doesn't it? Not that there were not some good things that happened in 2020 (please excuse the double negative) but in many ways we are happy to put the year behind us. There is certainly a great deal of hope that the pandemic which has affected all of our lives, some more than others, will come under control this year. We certainly look forward to that.

We also look forward in 2021 to the celebration of our parish's 225th anniversary. As you know there is a great deal of history in our parish since it began in 1796. It is the first place the Augustinians came to in our country. It is the fourth oldest parish in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Old St Joseph's (1733), Old St. Mary's (1763) and Holy Trinity (1788) are our elders. George Washington contributed \$50 (the equivalent to \$1,000 today) to the building of the first church which was burnt down in the anti-Catholic riots of 1844. Villanova University has its roots here as does the Philadelphia Orchestra. We became the National Shrine of Santo Nino in 1992. Also in 1992, the parish survived a storm which caused damage of over \$1.2 million dollars to the church. We "house" some very unique and valuable artwork. Three Hollywood movies were filmed here: The Sixth Sense (1999), The Shooter (2007), and 21 Bridges (2019).

In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, we have discussed how we might celebrate our rich history. We will have a number of "visuals" to remind us: a banner by the parking lot, labels on our stationery and bulletins, etc. Archbishop Perez will celebrate the anniversary with us when he celebrates the Sinulog here on Sunday, August 15th, the feast of the Assumption. We hope to have a major celebration of everyone coming together on "The Spirit of Philadelphia" for an evening cruise on the Delaware River. We are looking into the possibility of having The Philadelphia Orchestra perform a concert here. We are planning the riverboat cruise and the possible concert in the fall when hopefully the pandemic will be over. Of course, we plan to have a fundraiser. Both the Parish Finance Commission and Parish Pastoral Council have discussed the possible details of that.

We have a great deal to look forward to and to celebrate in 2021. After 2020, we are ready to come together and celebrate.

Happy New Year! May it be SAFE! And Happy 225th Anniversary!

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Fr. Bill

