

St. Augustine Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 08, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796



Mission Statement:

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.

Epiphany



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**We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.**

Matthew 2:2



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño

Our annual Mass and festival in honor of Santo Niño will be held on

Sunday, January 15th, 2017. 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!



Come Let Us Adore Him



What a nice surprise. Your gifts from the Giving Tree are greatly appreciated. Know of our gratitude for your goodness to us.

Sister Maureen and the Women of Hope Family

Monday, January 16th is a holiday, **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** and Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM

Pope Francis' January 2017 Prayer Intentions

Christian Unity

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Young Adult Retreat

February 10-12, 2017

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself.

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org

Or call: 609-884-3829

Some financial aid is available.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, January 07 & 08, 2017

5:15 PM † Benedict Arul & Family

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Berarducci Family

11:00 AM Caroline & Dr. Maria Victoria Largoza

7:00 PM The Parish Community

Monday, January 09, 2017

12:05 PM † Jack Hagan

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

12:05 PM † Deceased Friends

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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

Thursday, January 12, 2017

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Friday, January 13, 2017

12:05 PM † Helen Hyland Systma

Saturday, January 14, 2017

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

December 24 & 25, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used: 82

Amount in Envelopes: \$4,155.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$50.67

Electronic Giving: 25

Amount Electronic: \$550.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$22.00

Loose Money: \$1,716.00

Total Collection: \$6,421.00

Electronic Giving

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It's secure!

It's convenient!

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



The Bulletin Board

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 08, 2017

Monday, January 09, 2017

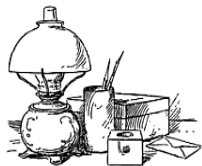
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
6:30 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, January 12, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13, 2017
6:00 PM Niedoba-Ditmars Rehearsal

Saturday, January 14, 2017
11:00 AM Silveira-Gilson Rehearsal
2:00 PM Niedoba-Ditmars Wedding
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

On Monday of this week the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. This feast is usually celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, but because Christmas was on a Sunday this year, the feast of the Holy Family was on a Friday and the feast of the Baptism of Jesus is on a Monday.

Consequently, most of us will not be celebrating this feast with the parish community at the Eucharist. But, that does not mean we should not reflect on what this feast is all about. The question has been asked often "If Jesus was without sin, why would He be baptized."

There seems to be two answers. The first is that he wanted to have a public sign or ritual to indicate that His public ministry was starting. The second is that He wanted to be in solidarity with us, that is participating in rituals in which we are involved. As Fr. Jim Martin, SJ says, "The divine one is fully immersing himself, literally in this case, in our humanity."

This obviously is a very opportune time to reflect on our own baptism. Just as Jesus heard words of encouragement, "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased," so too we should hear that same encouragement that we are sons and daughters of God and God is very pleased with us. Just as Jesus received the Spirit to enhance Him in His ministry so too did we receive the Spirit so that we could share in the ministry of Jesus. We are God's beloved. WOW! I would think that the words which Jesus heard at His baptism were a source of strength to Him when times got tough, when he felt rejected, betrayed, suffered, etc. May those same words encourage us when there are difficult times in our lives.

If you have ever been at a Baptism which I have celebrated, you know I always suggest that the parents commemorate the anniversary of the child's baptism in the years to come, maybe putting the baptismal candle in a cake for dessert on the baptismal anniversary. That way the child may get the message that the baptism was a significant event in his or her life and that he or she is truly beloved by God.

We can all help to spread that message. I encourage you to find out the dates of your children, grandchildren and Godchildren's baptisms. Call them on that day. Send a card, invite them to dinner. They may think you are 'goofy' at first but I am sure it will give cause to reflect that maybe it was a significant day.

In case you are interested (even if you are not) I was baptized on Halloween. What do you think the significance of that is?

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

Print Out of Church Contributions



As the season of tax return preparation approaches, many people who itemize on their tax returns like to have a printed copy of their yearly church contributions. This report is available to all parishioners who request a printed copy. Simply call Jacob Marquart, OFS, in the Friary Office, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and request a copy to be mailed to you.

If you received a copy last year, you will automatically receive one this year, so you need to do nothing.