

St. Augustine Parish

The Baptism Of The Lord – January 10, 2016

"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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911
Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com
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.



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.

IMPORTANT! Carr Hall

Please note that Carr Hall will be **CLOSED** to **ALL** parish groups and functions from **Monday, January 11th to Saturday, January 16th** so that much needed cleaning and repairs to the hall can be accomplished. Please contact the parish office for alternate meeting space for your group. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

The **Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity** ("Trinitarian Sisters") cordially invite you to an Open House for the Year of Consecrated Life. It will take place on **Sunday, January 24, from 2:30 till 5:00 p.m.**, at **3501 Solly Avenue** (next to Father Judge High School). Please come to the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center for a program that will include presentations on our consecrated life and mission (especially, our "Philadelphia Story") and guided tours of the Spirituality Center and the Generalate. It will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at our Motherhouse (at about 4:00 p.m.), followed by a tour of the chapel there. For more information or directions, call 267-350-1830 or email mbcretreat@msbt.org.

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.

Vatican Splendors Exhibition at The Franklin Institute

Vatican Splendors is an awe-inspiring exhibition. The exhibition features more than 200 objects dating back to the earliest days of Christianity. Parishioners at Saint Augustine are eligible to receive discounted tickets for just \$24.95 (or 28% off the box office price) by referencing the code **ARCHPHL** when purchasing tickets at The Franklin Institute Box Office, online at www.fi.edu or by calling 215-448-1200. *This special offer will end February 1, 2016.*



Christmas Donations

\$4,873.00

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Sacrificial Giving

December 26 & 27, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 61
Amount in Envelopes: **\$2,618.00**
Average \$/Envelope: **\$42.92**
Electronic Giving: 17
Average \$/Electronic: **\$26.88**
Loose Money: **\$309.00**
Total Collection: **\$3,384.00**

Sacrificial Giving

January 02 & 03, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used: 65
Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,884.00**
Average \$/Envelope: **\$28.98**
Electronic Giving: 17
Average \$/Electronic: **\$21.00**
Loose Money: **\$723.00**
Total Collection: **\$2,964.00**

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday & Sunday,
January 09 & 10, 2016**

5:15 PM In Honour of St. Augustine
9:00 AM † Paul Pearce
11:00 AM Thanksgiving for all blessings received and future blessings.
7:00 PM ~~~~~

Monday, January 11, 2016

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 14, 2016

12:05 PM † Harold Huling

Friday, January 15, 2016

12:05 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 16, 2016

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the Augustinian Family

What's Happening

**The Baptism Of The Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2016**

12:00 Noon CCD/PREP Class
7:45 PM Young Adult Social—Carr Hall
8:00 PM Remove Christmas Decorations from the Church

Monday, January 11, 2016
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**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group in Conference Room in Friary

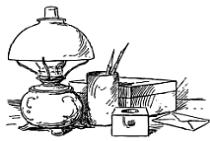
**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 15, 2016**  
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Saturday, January 16, 2016

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin 2016 we enter the 220th anniversary year of St. Augustine Parish (more about our anniversary year next week). In 1796, an Augustinian by the name of Fr. Matthew Carr left Ireland and arrived at 4th and Vine Streets in Philadelphia. In these 220 years the parish has been served continuously by members of the Augustinian community. This is the first "foundation" of the Augustinians in this country. From St. Augustine Parish, the Augustinians branched out and established communities throughout the United States. Over the years men joined the fraternity, lived in these communities following the style of life envisioned by St. Augustine and serving God's people in parishes, colleges, high schools, foreign missions, and other apostolates such as retreat work, prison ministry, etc. It is no secret that our numbers have decreased. This means that we can no longer serve in all the communities as we have in the past 220 years. We need to raise the consciousness of religious vocations within the church. Last year was a year which Pope Francis asked us to become more educated, more appreciative, and more encouraging of Religious Life.

Within this bulletin this weekend you will find an insert with the pictures and short descriptions of the 34 men in the United States presently in the various stages of Augustinian formation. Please take this poster, put it in a special place in your home that will remind you of the responsibility of all of us to pray for and to encourage religious vocations.

First of all, I think it is encouraging for us to see that there are a number of very solid men joining our community today. Secondly, we can see the diversity of these men and the uniqueness of their ages and backgrounds. Thirdly, as we see the poster it will remind us to pray for these men and to pray that others will consider the possibility of joining our community.

For the past several years our province has been in the process of "Long Term Planning." This has involved surveys asking the Friars what should be our priorities, what geographic location we would like to serve and in what ministries we would like to serve. This is an ongoing process but pivotal to the future is the number of men we have as members of our province. In the past years we have withdrawn from a college, several high schools and a number of parishes. I was pastor of two parishes which we as a community said we could no longer serve.

For 220 years the Augustinians have served without interruption at St Augustine Parish at 4th and Vine Streets. To my knowledge it is our intention to continue serving here for many more years. But in order to do this we need men to join our community.

For that to happen we need you to encourage men to think about being an Augustinian. Who was the last person you asked to consider a religious vocation? We need you to pray for vocations to the Augustinians. Please take the enclosed poster, place it in a special place in your home to remind you to encourage and pray for vocations.

Have a great week.

Father Bill



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas season!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 12th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at: www.helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.