# St. Augustine R. C. Parish 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024



National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911

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 — Suspended Indefinitely

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

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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

After Sunday Masses or Anytime by appointment.

#### Parish Registration

Please call the parish office or visit the parish website for a registration form or more information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

#### Parish Committees

The Parish Council and Finance Council 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.

Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



# Print Out of 2023 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 Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9:15 AM to 5:00 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 don't need to do anything.



Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
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celebrated at 10:00 AM

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#### Friday, January 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm Mass and Healing Service at Saints Simon & Jude Church

Saints Simon & Jude Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group eagerly invites all to attend a Mass and Healing Service at our parish.

Confessions will begin at 6:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary. The Holy Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Fr. Kenneth Omeke will be the chief celebrant. Fr. Chris Walsh is the guest speaker. Adoration will follow. There will be intercessory prayer teams available. Music is by Mark Griswold. A display of relics from Blessed Carlo Acutis will be presented.

**Location:** Sts. Simon & Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382

**More Information:** 610 - 696 - 3624

January - March 2024

# **Event: Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood**

Come & See events offer men (high school and posthigh school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood More info: Visit https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/ or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org



Sunday, January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM The Parish Community † Cesar Manguba

Monday, January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Day 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024** 12:05 PM

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:05 PM

**Thursday, January 18, 2024** 12:05 PM

**Friday, January 19, 2024** 12:05 PM

Saturday, January 20, 2024

† = Deceased



Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges: 227 Percentage: 117.3290% Amount Pledged: \$879,967.68 Pledges Received: \$824,497.68 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$834,935.39

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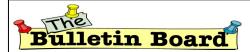
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 14, 2024

Monday, January 15, 2024

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, January 19, 2024

Saturday, January 20, 2024
1:00 PM Steering Committee Mtg.—Zoom
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



# A word from Fr. Bill...

#### Dear Parishioners:

As I mentioned in my letter last weekend, this past Monday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus and thus the Christmas season has ended. We now enter into Ordinary Time which means it is only five weeks when we begin the season of Lent. Wow, time moves quickly. During these next weeks, we will be reflecting on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

This weekend, we hear about the very initial days of his public ministry. John the Baptist points Jesus out to two men by saying, "Behold the Lamb of God." Jesus then calls the first of the apostles to "come and see" where he lives. When someone invites us to their home, we get a great glimpse of who they are. Andrew was so impressed and excited by that experience, he wants to share it with his brother. He tells his brother, who is Peter, "we have found the Messiah." When Andrew did this he had no idea of the ramifications of that sharing. As we very well know, Peter has his own faith journey of ups and downs, but becomes the first Pope.

What would have happened if John the Baptist had not told two of his own followers that Jesus was the Lamb of God? The immediate result was that he lost two of his disciples. Obviously, John was OK with that. What would have happened if Andrew did not share his experience with his brother. He took a little risk of being ridiculed, of being rejected. Obviously, he also was OK with that.

The faith has been sustained over two thousand years by people sharing their faith with others. This often happens at the risk of being ridiculed and rejected. How have we come to believe? No doubt, the answer is through others.

I mentioned in my letter last weekend that the celebration of Jesus' baptism was an opportunity to reflect on our own baptism. At the baptism of an infant, the priest or deacon's hand touched the baby's ear and mouth and say "May you soon hear the Word of the Lord." "May you soon proclaim the Word of the Lord."

Just like John the Baptist and Andrew, we have lots of opportunities to do this. Do we take advantage of them or are we afraid of being ridiculed or rejected?

In another parish where I was pastor, a parishioner, Pat, was at work and her coworker invited her to go out for a drink after work. Pat said she couldn't because of a parish mission we were having and invited her to that and said we can go out for a drink after the talk at the mission. The coworker responded to Pat's invitation. The next year she entered our RCIA process and became Catholic.

What would have happened if John the Baptist did not point out who Jesus was to two of his disciples? What would have happened if Andrew did not share his experience of Jesus with his brother, Peter? What would have happened if Pat did not invite her coworker to our parish mission? What happens when we do not take the opportunity to share our faith with others, maybe because we are afraid of being ridiculed or rejected?

I am happy to report that after a week in the surgical ICU unit at Jefferson Hospital, 3 weeks at Magee Rehabilitation Center and a week in our Augustinian Health Unit at Villanova, I continue to make great progress. I have moved from a walker to a cane. I have been climbing stairs, etc. Next on the list is getting in and out of a car and walking outside. Hopefully, I will be home soon. Thanks for your prayers, concern, cards, text messages, emails and visits. It is all greatly appreciated.

Fr. Bill

# Winter Sinulog 2024 at the

National Shrine of the Sto. Niño de Cebu, USA St. Augustine Church, Philadelphia



Sunday, January 21, 2024 11 am Mass

~ lunch to follow~

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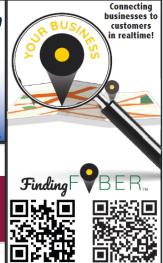
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