



# St. Augustine Parish

*First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016*

*"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 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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**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.

### 3rd ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP



December 10, 2016

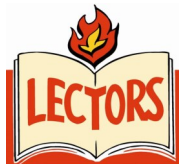
10 AM to 1 PM

Meet at the corner of  
5th & Vine Streets

**Gloves & Tools Provided**

**Lunch after Cleanup!**

*Rain/Snow Date—December 11th*



**Lector Workbooks** are now available

for the new 2016-2017 Liturgical Year,  
which begins this week on the **First Sunday**  
of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up

your reserved workbook in the sacristy after Mass today.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
will be available after the  
**11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses**  
on the four Sundays of Advent.



**St. Augustine's Giving Tree** will  
be supporting the following organizations:  
Women of Hope, Our Brother's Place,  
Augustinian Defenders of the Rights of  
the Poor (ADROP), Adeodatus Prison  
Ministry, Family House Now, Gift of Life  
Family House, and the Philippine Medical

Mission. **Starting this weekend**, we ask you to take  
an ornament, purchase the requested gift and return it  
**unwrapped with the ornament tag attached to the gift**  
by **Sunday, December 18th** and place it in one of the  
boxes by the tree. Thank you for your generosity.



Today, is the beginning of the  
**YEAR OF GRACE, 2017**

The holiday season is  
quickly approaching  
and we will soon be  
preparing the way for  
the Lord. But first, we  
have to clean his  
house! Our bi-annual **Church**  
**Cleaning Day** is just around the  
corner. Please join us on **Sunday,**  
**December 18th at 1:00 PM.** It's  
a big church, but many hands  
make light work. We look  
forward to seeing you here.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD • 7:30 PM**

**A LIGHT SHINES! A Concert to Celebrate the Season**

Back by popular demand, the Saint Augustine Chamber Choir, the  
Filipino Choir and friends will present a concert as we prepare to  
celebrate the Season of Hope and Joy. A great way to begin your  
season of Hope and Joy, is by centering your thoughts on the true  
meaning of what is to come. Traditional and non-traditional Christmastime music  
will delight your ears. Bring a friend if you like sharing joy! **FREE Admission!**



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,**  
**November 26 & 27, 2016**

5:15 PM X. L. Marie Griffith  
9:00 AM † John A. Georeno, Jr.  
11:00 AM † Primo Manguba  
7:00 PM † Kevin Kelleher

**Monday, November 28, 2016**

12:05 PM † Kathryn Magerr

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

**Thursday, December 01, 2016**

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the  
Marquart and Gallagher Families

**Friday, December 02, 2016**

12:05 PM † Anastasia Menbana

**Saturday, December 03, 2016**

5:15 PM In Honour of St. Augustine

† = Deceased



**First Sunday of Advent - HOPE**

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### The Bulletin Board

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

**Monday, November 28, 2016**

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**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 01, 2016**

6:00 PM Stronski-Pakela Rehearsal

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 02, 2016**

6:00 PM Rosario-Taylor Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 03, 2016**

2:00 PM Stronski-Pakela Wedding

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB

7:30 PM Advent/Christmas Concert

*Prepare!*

*Hope!*

## Come, Lord Jesus

*Believe!*

*Rejoice!*

The Latin word **adventus** is the translation of the Greek word **parousia**, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of **Advent** anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thoughts of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and to his second coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent.

### AUTUMN LEAVES – JESUS DOESN'T!



### Retirement Fund for Religious

Support elderly religious. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's, December 4th, second collection. Thank you for your generosity!



### The Body of Christ! The Blood of Christ! ..... AMEN !

The distribution of communion has seldom changed. In the earliest Christian centuries, the faithful simply took the bread and cup in hand as at any meal. The Church in the middle ages reserved the communion cup for the clergy. The laity, if they received communion at all, were limited to the reception of the host on the tongue. Now, for the first time in history, the church formally offers the option of taking communion on the tongue or in the hand.

No matter which method we choose, reverence for the Eucharist should guide us. Those who choose communion in the mouth experience the gift of God unmediated by the touch of their own hand. Those who choose communion in the hand see God's gift in hands which serve others. Either way, we come to the table like beggars with open mouths and open hands not taking the food ourselves but begging it from another human being.

Too often we rush this intimate moment. Sometimes we resemble fast food more than banquet.

Think of taking communion in five distinct parts: *positioning, looking, proclaiming, responding and taking.*

First the worshiper gets into position. If you're distributing communion, wait for the next person to stop walking. If you're receiving, take a moment to prepare.

Next, look at the bread or the cup. And look at each other. The two of you are the mystery you are about to proclaim.

Then the minister proclaims the mystery: The Body of Christ! The Blood of Christ! (Say it with an explanation point!) Christ who existed before existence, Christ the eternal Word who became flesh in Bethlehem, Christ whose flesh and blood were nailed to a cross, Christ whose body rose from the dead in a new form, Christ who left his body and blood in the Eucharist, Christ whose body we are, this is the Christ we proclaim.

Amen! Respond with faith, joy and hope. Imagine you're saying: "I love you" to the one you love the most, saying "I believe" to a world confused by sin.

Then, only then, take communion. Join in communion with the body of Christ, risen and present all around you. The Body of Christ! Amen!

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**Young Adults of St. Augustine Parish: Retreat Help Needed!** Interested in retreat ministry and accompanying college students? Villanova Campus Ministry invites two young adults from St. Augustine's to assist with the VU Senior Retreat January 20-22 at Maris Stella Retreat Center (Harvey Cedars, NJ) and post-retreat events throughout the spring semester. This will include a few flexible planning meetings (either on campus or via Skype) from now until January to prepare for the retreat weekend. Possible volunteer activities might include giving a talk, leading a small group, helping with a prayer service, or cooking and serving meals. Later in the Spring semester, volunteers may be requested to help coordinate a student visit to St. Augustine's as part of the ongoing collaboration between the parish and Villanova University. Non-Villanova alumni welcome!

To volunteer, or for any additional questions, please contact Michelle Sherman, Campus Minister for Retreats at: [michelle.sherman@villanova.edu](mailto:michelle.sherman@villanova.edu) or call 636.284.8485.