

St. Augustine R. C. Church

Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

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Santo Niño de Cebú

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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
(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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Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.
Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*

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

Parish Committees

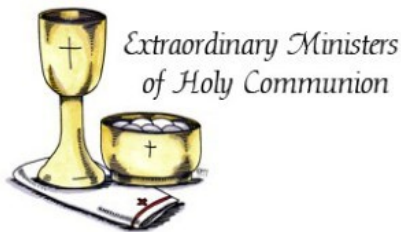
The Parish Council, Filipino Sub-Council, and Finance Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

Novena to the Santo Niño

Each Sunday, after the 11:00 AM Mass there is a novena in honor of the Santo Niño.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

We are in need of additional ministers to distribute the Blessed Sacrament at the week-end Masses. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Jacob in the Parish Office. We will supply all of the training that you need for this ministry. Once you are trained and commissioned, you will be officially appointed by the Archbishop of Philadelphia to serve in the parish of Saint Augustine.



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

Visiting Angels is a non-medical homecare agency serving families in the counties of Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia over 20 years. Our Havertown agency, the original Visiting Angels, was established in 1998 and is licensed through the Pennsylvania Board of Health, which permits us to provide assistance with companion care, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, dementia, stroke, cancer, palliative care and end stages of life. We are currently looking to employ experienced caregivers, full-time/part-time, to provide in-home care for our seniors, starting at a four-hour minimum. We do cover one-hour & two-hour cases as well. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping & perform errands & some are able to assist with personal hygiene, transfers & hospice care. If interested go to our website to apply:

<https://vahavertown.clearcareonline.com/apply>



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
Gaudete Sunday
December 14 & 15, 2019**

5:15 PM -----
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Augustinian Family
11:00 AM VJ & Ted Tanjutco,
50th Wedding Anniversary
7:00 PM **Simbang Gabi Novena**
† Rosemary E. Comerford

Monday, December 16, 2019

12:05 PM † Elisa Oretga

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

12:05 PM -----

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

12:05 PM Young & Ong Families

Thursday, December 19, 2019

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

Friday, December 20, 2019

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:15 PM † JoAnne Brady

† = Deceased

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life official program will be held on Friday, **January 24, 2020** on the **National Mall in Washington, D.C.** The program begins with a rally at 12 noon, and a time of musical reflection at 11:00 a.m. There will be jumbo-trons for easier viewing.

www.marchforlife.org

End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.

Electronic Giving

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

“Sign Up For Electronic Giving”

Parish Giving

**Save the Date !
Winter Sinulog
Feast of Santo Niño
January 19th, 2020
11:00 AM Mass**



**Light Lunch to follow Mass
in Carr Hall.**

All Are Welcome!

**Catholic
Philly.com**

CatholicPhilly.com is updated every day with local Catholic news from the Philadelphia region.

The Bulletin Board

**Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2019**

Monday, December 16, 2019

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Thursday, December 19, 2019
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 20, 2019
6:30 PM Harmon-Schuessler Rehearsal

Saturday, December 21, 2019
2:30 PM Harmon-Schuessler Wedding
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



Saint Augustine Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations this year: **Bethesda Project, Augustinian Children's Orphanage in Tagaytay City Philippines, Adeodatus Prison Ministry, Family House NOW, The Gift of Life Family House, and Woman of Hope.**

Please return unwrapped gifts along with tag by December 8th for the Adeodatus Prison Ministry as well as the Bethesda Project and December 15th for ALL OTHER Groups. We want to pass along the gratitude from all these organizations to our parish.

Your consistent generosity has brought and continues to bring joy to each of the organizations over the Holiday Season.

Thank you for your support !



A Prayer For Advent

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this Advent season, which is Christ himself, whom God our Father has revealed to the entire world.

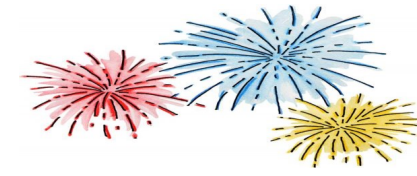
Where God is born, hope is born. Where God is born, peace is born. And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. God alone can save us and free us from the many forms of evil and selfishness in our midst.

Let us welcome into our lives God's mercy, which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow!

Pope Francis



HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Year's Eve Party

Come and enjoy a night of fun, singing, dancing, free champagne, Filipino and American food (BYOB) at Saint Augustine Church – Carr Hall on **December 31st from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM.**

THIS YEAR, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BEFORE THE PARTY AT THE 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS.

(There will be NO Midnight Mass this year.)

Tickets are: \$20 for adults, \$10 for child ages 13-17, \$5 for children ages 8-12, and children under the age of 7 are free. For more info please contact:

Dr. Lita Manguba - 267.538.8042
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 Femy Whitzell - 856-423-0441



Sacrificial Giving

December 07 & 08, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used: 61
 Amount in Envelopes: \$2,431.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$39.85
 Electronic Giving: 41
 Amount Electronic: \$1,164.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$28.39
 Loose Money: \$608.00
 Total Collection: \$4,203.00



Capital Campaign News

(Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 191 Percentage: 92.5317%
 Amount Pledged: \$693,987.50
 Pledges Received: \$480,353.02
 June 1st Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$520,603.02

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."

Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1

Gaudete Sunday

The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit of this day's Mass.

On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet, which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday."

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose coloured candle is lit in addition to two of the violet coloured candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme, the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, the infant Jesus lies in a manger of straw, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Mary is seated to the right, looking down at the child. Joseph stands behind her. Three wise men in ornate, colorful robes kneel before the manger, offering gifts. Two shepherds in simple, earthy clothing stand to the right, one with his hands clasped in prayer. In the foreground, two white lambs are visible. The background features palm trees and a star in the night sky. The overall tone is peaceful and reverent.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM, 8:30 PM and 10:30 PM

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 AM

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:15 PM

Tuesday, January 01, 2020

10:00 AM

No 7:00 PM Mass