

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022



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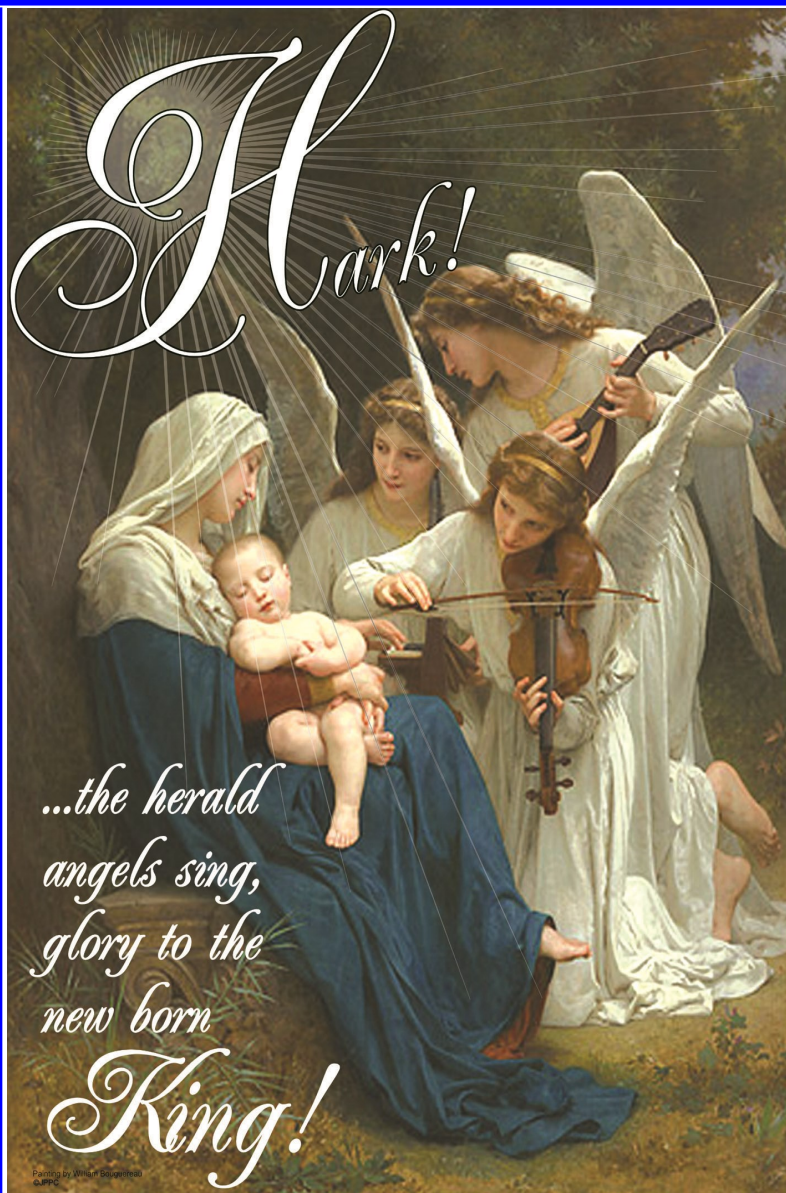
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

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

OSA Friends

OSA Friends is an association whose members have an interest in learning about St. Augustine’s theology and spirituality. OSA Friends already exist in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Anyone interested in learning about Saint Augustine, his thought and spirituality is asked to contact Fr. Jim Keating at St. Augustine’s Parish or call him at (215) 629-6351 for more information.



Winter Sinulog ♦ Feast of Santo Niño
January 15th, 2023
11:00 AM Mass
All Are Welcome!



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 20, 2023
March for Life Rally

Join us in Washington, DC for the March for Life Rally. This FREE event features a live concert and inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders – sharing how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long. The Rally will begin at 12 pm ET on the National Mall.

www.marchforlife.org

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

Philadelphia Pilgrims Mass*: 10am-11am

*Liturgical music will be provided by students from Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA

Pre-Rally Concert: 11am-12pm

March for Life Rally: 12pm-1pm

March for Life: 1pm-4pm



Did You Know?

The birthplace of Jesus, “Bethlehem,” means “House of Bread.” Many ancient commentators interpret this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the “House of Bread,” and comes to us in the form of Living Bread, every time we receive him under the forms of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus.



The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.....Jesus!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon
 11:00 AM † Young & Ong Families
No 7:00 PM Mass

Monday, December 26, 2022

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

12:05 PM † Maximo & Anunsacion Dagala Doller

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

12:05 PM Young & Ong Families

Thursday, December 29, 2022

12:05 PM Young & Ong Families

Friday, December 30, 2022

12:05 PM Young & Ong Families

Saturday, December 31, 2022
 (New Year’s Eve)

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7:00 PM Young & Ong Families

† = Deceased



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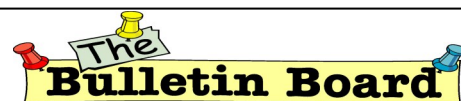
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Sunday, December 25, 2022
MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Monday, December 26, 2022

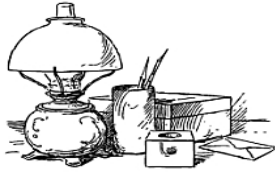
Tuesday, December 27, 2022
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Thursday, December 29, 2022
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, December 30, 2022

Saturday, December 31, 2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR !
 3:00 PM Morley-Givnish Wedding
 5:00 PM Parker-Beaupre Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

In Sermon 193, St. Augustine makes the following comments concerning today's Christmas Gospel from St. Luke.

“When the gospel was read, we heard the voices of angels announcing to the shepherds that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will..... Let us too then say, and say with all the jubilation we can muster – because we aren't announcing his birth to shepherds watching their flocks, but celebrating his birthday with his sheep, let us too say, I repeat, with faithful hearts in loyal voices, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.”

In lots of ways, all of us are shepherds, responsible for the welfare of others, not only physical and psychological, but also the spiritual welfare of others. St. Augustine is saying we also must announce the good news of God's love for us. For whatever reasons, we are often reluctant to outwardly share our faith with others. The shepherds shouted for joy the good news of Jesus being one with us. May we do the same.

Because of the first sin (original sin) —I am going to do it my way, not God's way— we lost the existence of the Garden of Eden. We deal with our own sinfulness, selfishness and its consequences. There is no way we can have the existence of the Garden of Eden restored by ourselves. We don't deserve it. But because of God's infinite love for us and because he wants to be in perfect union with us in paradise, he gave us his son to restore that relationship. Today, we celebrate the beginning of his son's life on earth. Happy birthday, Jesus!

As we see Christmas lights on trees and houses, may we be aware that Jesus was born to bring us from darkness to light. He is our light leading us to the kingdom. As we share gifts, may they remind us of the gift of Jesus to each of us. As we unwrap the gifts, may we unwrap the gift of our heavenly God to us, the gift of Jesus.

As St. Augustine said in his Sermon 193, may we too along with the shepherds, announce the good news of Jesus' birth.

Have a wonderful celebration of Christmas, Christ with us.

Fr. Bill

*Merry
Christmas*

Maligayang Pasko !





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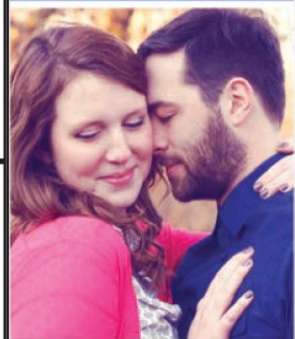
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