

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### December 31, 2023



National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebu

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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)

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*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

LUKE 2:22-40



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

**Memoriam** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...  
**JACKSON BRADLEY**  
 Entered eternal life December 27, 2023

You will be with Me in Paradise




**Winter Sinulog  
 Feast of Santo Niño**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**11:00 AM Mass**  
**All Are Welcome!**

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**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](http://www.marchforlife.org)

**National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

**Philadelphia Pilgrims Mass: 10 a.m.—11 a.m.**

**March for Life Expo: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Pre-Rally Concert: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**


**March for Life Rally: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**March for Life: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions ♦ January 2024**

**For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**  
**The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 9:00 AM Chris & Joel Marquart (Healing)  
 11:00 AM Young & Ong Families  
 7:00 PM Chris & Joel Marquart (Healing)

**Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
 10:00 AM † Nick Baker

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**  
 12:05 PM † Annmarie Carr


**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
 12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**  
 12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Friday, January 5, 2024**  
 12:05 PM † Aaron Guay

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**  
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† = Deceased




**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
 Pledges: 227 Percentage: 117.3232%  
 Amount Pledged: \$879,923.68  
 Pledges Received: \$824,453.68  
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$834,891.39

**Sacrificial Giving  
 December 24, 2023**  
 Number of Envelopes Used: 21  
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,102.00  
 Average \$/Envelope: \$52.48  
 Electronic Giving: 44  
 Amount Electronic: \$1,685.00  
 Average \$/Electronic: \$38.30  
 Loose Money: \$341.00  
 Total Collection: \$3,128.00

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**The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
 Sunday, December 31, 2023**  
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**Monday, January 1, 2024  
 Happy New Year !**  
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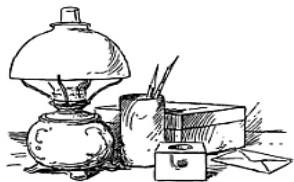
**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)  
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
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**Thursday, January 4, 2024**  
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

**Friday, January 5, 2024**  
 3:00 PM Cottone-Moseley Sullivan Wedding

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**  
 11:00 AM Young Adults Discussions  
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



## *A word from Fr. Bill...*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope each of you had a wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth. Hopefully, all the busyness of presents, Christmas trees, lights, traveling, etc. were signs of our joy that Jesus took on our flesh and become one with us.

As always, I am grateful for all who made the celebration in the parish go so smoothly. First and foremost, I am grateful to my Augustinian brothers, Fathers Jim, Paul and Rich for filling in for me in general and specifically for presiding at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I am grateful for Rey Borres, Brother Jack Stagliano, OSA, Adam Klukiewski and all who made the church look so festive for the great celebration of God's love. As always, the music incredibly enhanced our celebration. Thank you, Kim, our choir members and cantors.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. The family was holy because Jesus, Mary and Joseph were each open to do what God was calling them to do, even if they didn't totally understand. We have heard it said that each family is a small Church community. We have heard it said that each family is the nucleus of our society. The weakness and strength of each family has tremendous effects on many ramifications of our lives. What are the strengths in my family? Can I list them? May we literally give thanks to God for those strengths and be conscious to reinforce them. What are the weaknesses in my family? Can I list them? Does my family ever pray together? The family that prays together stays together. Are there any family members with whom I am alienated? If yes, how does that affect my life and the life of others? What am I willing to do about it?

On Monday, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is so important for me to reflect on Mary's unequivocal "yes" to respond to God's will even when it did not make sense. Mary questioned how God was using her but in the midst of that questioning said "yes" to whatever God's will was. God wants to use each of us in the plan of salvation. May this feast prompt us to reflect on how God wants to use me and how open I am to it, even when I may not understand.

Finally, I continue to thank you for your prayers, concerns, and contacts of best wishes during my stay at Magee Rehab where I have been for three weeks. I have not had any pain or fever the entire time but I am still not able to do a lot of things on my own, including walking. I receive physical, occupational and speech therapy almost each day, including Christmas Day. There is definite progress, especially in walking with a walker and balance. I had another CT scan this past week and the images of the brain show definite improvement from a few weeks ago. (Thank goodness they continue to find a brain.) As you read this, I should be at the Augustinian Health Care Facility at Villanova for continued therapy. I do not know how long that stay will be, but probably until I can walk more independently which I do not anticipate will be all that long.

I pray that as we begin a new year that 2024 will be a wonderful year for the parish and for each of us.

Fr. Bill





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-2023-

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*A blessed and peaceful Christmas to each one of you. We hope that your hearts are full, your needs are met, and your wants are few.*

As you celebrate with family and friends, we are compelled to remind you of the Holy Family that first Christmas in supplication for the many who mirror their plight right here in our community this Christmas:

- Juliana has chosen life for her unborn son, but she is scared and unsure of how to care for herself and a newborn.
- Greg doesn't want to become a statistic and needs to get help to break the cycles of addiction and homelessness.
- Dottie is a fiercely independent senior, but she no longer feels safe in her home. She feels overwhelmed trying to navigate elderly care services.
- Roger has been working three jobs to support his family of four, but inflation keeps making his pay seem smaller and smaller. He's beginning to worry about utilities and food.
- The Johnson Family needs to send their child to one of the three Schools of Special Education but tuition is just out of reach for their child.

These are real stories playing out right now across our community. **The Catholic Charities Appeal has funded the various programs and ministries that helped these individuals and families struggle to thrive. However, we are in real danger this year due to the increased need faced by so many. The need is great; we are asking the faithful to respond with equal greatness.**

Help us multiply the love and generosity so graciously gifted by God through His Son and allow us to continue doing His work among the most vulnerable in our community. To support the Catholic Charities Appeal please visit [catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate](https://catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate) or scan the QR code. Your gift matters.




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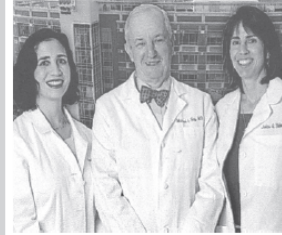
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