

St. Augustine Parish

The Presentation of the Lord – February 02, 2020

“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”

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National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

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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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

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**The Feast
of the
Presentation
of the Lord**

**Saturday,
March 7, 2020**

**Men's Spirituality
Conference**



**Neumann University
Mirenda Center
Aston, PA**

www.manupphilly.com

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, March 13-15

Marianist Family Retreat Center –
www.capemaymarianists.org
Cape May Point, NJ 08212
609-884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat **are all welcomed**. *Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Mass.* **Cost: \$140/pp**



Dear St. Augustine Parish:

Thank you so much for including us in your Giving Tree.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and it continues into the new year!

Sincerely,
Women of Hope

American Catholic Historical Society

Catholic History Lecture.....

On **Sunday, February 9, at 2 PM**, Mr. John Kelly will speak on "Commodore John Barry and the Irish in Philadelphia" at the **American Historical Society (263 South 4th Street)**. This event is Free and Open to the public. For information, please visit: **www.amchs.org**

Please RSVP with your name and number of attendees by February 6 to: info@amchs.org



ARE YOU MOVING? If you are moving to a new home, please take a few minutes out of your hectic day to call or email the Parish Office and let us know the date of your move and your new address. Also, if you have just moved into Saint Augustine Parish boundaries and would like to register in the parish, please call the parish office at: 215-627-1838. Thank you!



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
February 01 & 02, 2020**

5:15 PM Claire Borchardt,
Special Intention
9:00 AM Nadene Shearstone & Family
11:00 AM † Flor Manguba
7:00 PM Claire Borchardt,
Special Intention

Monday, February 03, 2020

12:05 PM † Helen O'Brien Armstrong

Tuesday, February 04, 2020

12:05 PM † Grace & Francis Flood

Wednesday, February 05, 2020

12:05 PM -----

Thursday, February 06, 2020

12:05 PM † Angel Yang

Friday, February 07, 2020

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Saturday, February 08, 2020

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

January 25 & 26, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 51
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,808.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$35.45
Electronic Giving: 36
Amount Electronic: \$628.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$17.45
Loose Money: \$515.00
Total Collection: \$2,951.00



Capital Campaign News

(Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 195 Percentage: 92.8098%
Amount Pledged: \$696,073.50
Pledges Received: \$495,954.90
June 1st Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$536,204.90

Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



**The Presentation of the Lord
Sunday, February 02, 2020**

Monday, February 03, 2020

Tuesday, February 04, 2020
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, February 05, 2020
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Thursday, February 06, 2020
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, February 07, 2020

Saturday, February 08, 2020
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday-Sunday, Feb 21-23, 2020

Retrouvaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages

A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage.

Malvern Retreat House, McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center,
315 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355

www.helpourmarriage.org

Please visit our parish website for all of the latest parish news and events!

www.st-augustinechurch.com



Please visit our Facebook:

St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia



Print Out of 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 9:00 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.**

Saint Basil Academy will be offering a **7th-grade prep course** to help students prepare for the high school entrance exams. These courses will cover reading, math and writing an excellent essay for high school scholarships. Students can come to register for one or all of the dates listed -

Feb 8, Feb 29. The 7th grade Saint Basil Academy practice exam will be on Saturday, March 7th. Students can register at www.stbasilacademy.org. For more info contact Rachel McGonigle 215. 649. 9083

On **Saturday, February 15, 2020** from 9:30 am-3:30 pm Father Christopher M. Walsh, Pastor of St. Raymond of Penafort as well as the Chaplain for Bishop McDevitt High School will lead a discussion entitled - "**I want to pray, but...**" Most Christians desire an active and fruitful prayer life but struggle to make the time for prayer. Others struggle with what to do when they sit down to prayer, unsure of what to say or do. Our day of retreat will offer practical strategies to approach beginning (or beginning again) a life of prayer. The day will include a variety of prayer experiences from the Catholic Tradition as well as opportunities to talk about prayer and ask questions as we grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord Jesus. No prayer experience needed, just a desire to encounter God's love in new and wonderful ways. The day will include the celebration of Mass.

There is a \$40 registration fee (includes noon lunch). To register call 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1831 or email - mbcretreat@msbt.org. You can also visit our website at: www.msbt.org/mbsc, look under upcoming events and print a registration form. Please register by February 8, 2020.

Feast of Saint Blaise ♦ February 03

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing.

Tradition has it.....while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. Blaise died in 316 A.D.

In many places on the day of his feast the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles, are held in a crossed position by a church minister over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."* The minister then makes the sign of the cross over the faithful.





Dear Parishioners:

As the Season of Lent is just around the corner, again this year, we will be working with the **Franciscan Outreach of the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford (Philadelphia)**.

They recently partnered with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and have begun a new initiative called **“New Beginnings.”** This initiative is targeting less fortunate pregnant women and mothers with infants, especially new moms, by helping them with baby supplies. This initiative is a means of help and outreach of the Pro-Life Movement as we support these women to have their babies rather than choosing to end their pregnancy because they cannot provide for their newborn children.

The Padre Pio Prayer Center has established a monthly “diaper pantry” where needy families can come to obtain essential baby items for day to day living.

Items needed are:

- Disposable Diapers—all sizes, but especially newborn and Size 6**
- Baby Wipes**
- Gerber Baby Cereals**
- New Outfits for Babies**

Lent this year begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. During Lent, we are customarily asked to do three things (as a minimum), that of **Prayer, Fasting** and **Almsgiving**. We can do all three with needy families in mind. First, let us offer daily prayer that God will provide for, comfort and help them to find necessary support services. Secondly, through fasting, we can use the money that we would normally spend on food and drinks, to provide for the less fortunate. Finally, almsgiving or sacrificial offerings. This year we are asking our parishioners to consider donating **“Baby Items”** that will be given to the less fortunate. All items collected during Lent will be taken to the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford and distributed to the needy population in the Frankford and Kensington neighborhoods of our city.

If you are able to provide the baby items or clothing, it can be dropped off in the large box in the rear of the church.

Thank you for your generosity of helping the less fortunate in our community and may you have a blessed and fruitful Lent this year.

