

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

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.



National Shrine of
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 (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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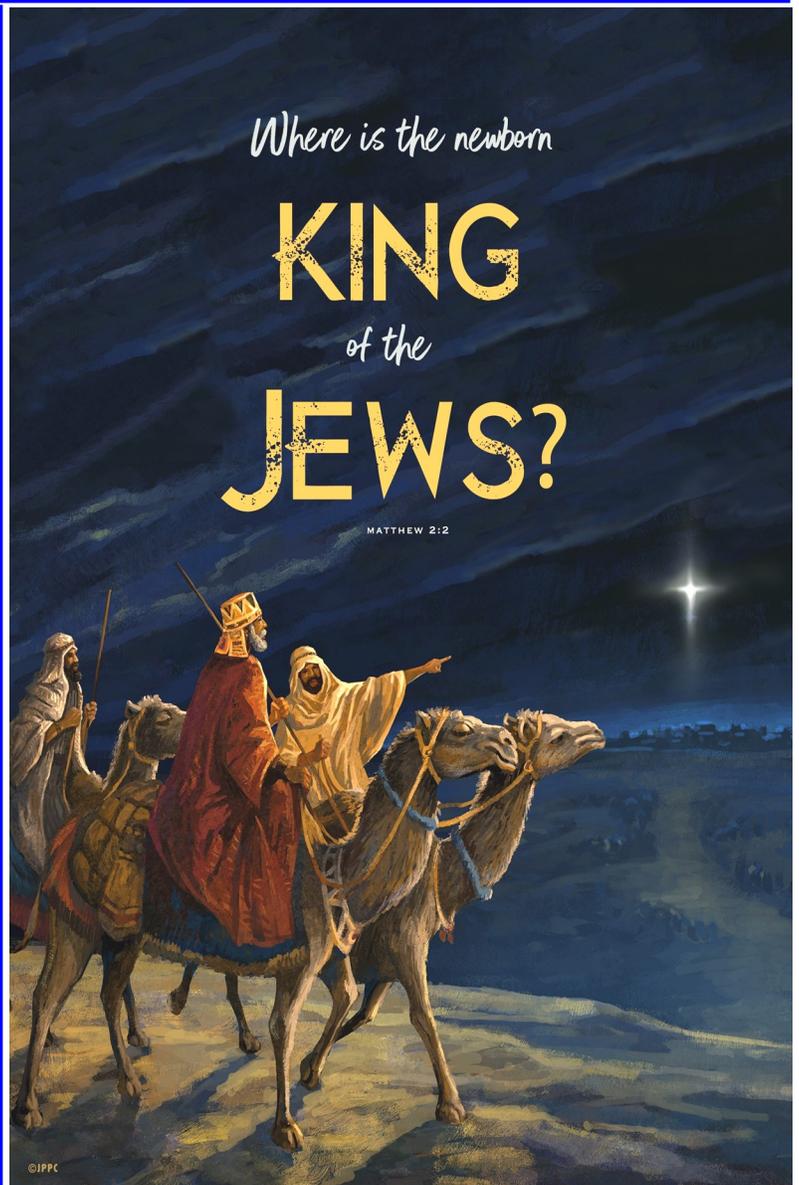
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Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*



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

Print Out of 2022 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 9:15 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.**



We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 AM † Joseph DeFoney
- 11:00 AM † Jerome Feldman
- 7:00 PM † Michael Antell

Monday, January 9, 2023

12:05 PM

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

12:05 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Thursday, January 12, 2023

12:05 PM

Friday, January 13, 2023

12:05 PM

Saturday, January 14, 2023

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 214 Percentage: 106.3356%
 Amount Pledged: \$797,516.68
 Pledges Received: \$740,426.68
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$750,864.39

Come Let Us Adore Him !



Electronic Giving

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




The Bulletin Board

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 8, 2023

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

Monday, January 9, 2023

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

7:00 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting

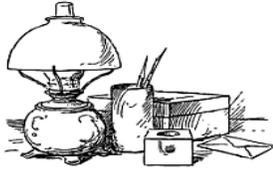
Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, January 13, 2023

Saturday, January 14, 2023

10:00 AM DMI Survey Meeting



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Many of us will remember when this was always celebrated on January 6th, no matter what day of the week January 6th was. But in time, so that more people could reflect on the many wonderful messages connected with this feast, the Church now celebrates the Epiphany on a Sunday. Sometimes, it is called “Little Christmas” and in some of the Caribbean countries it is celebrated with more solemnity than Christmas itself. What are the messages?

First and foremost, we celebrate “the manifestation of Jesus.” God’s love is primarily shown (manifested) to us in his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the sign of God’s great love for us. Sometimes we hear people say they have an “epiphany moment,” meaning all of a sudden having clarity on something, having a new insight, having a new understanding or a light went on and something unexpectedly made sense. When that happens, it usually changes us in some way. Realizing God became human and his light shines upon us gives us new insight and understanding of God’s unconditional love for us. Hopefully, that realization or epiphany changes us.

On this feast, we recall the three magi following the star to see Jesus. The trip was dangerous. They had competition with King Herod who was threatened by a new king, an infant. The magi took a risk of “returning to their country by another way” so that they wouldn’t put the Child Jesus (Santo Nino) in danger. Perhaps, they saved his life. When I was first ordained, there was a sign in my first parish assignment (also named St. Augustine Parish) “Three men sought him. Wise ones still do.” Do we actively seek Jesus? Do we find him in the powerless, in the homeless, in the helpless? That is where the magi found him. Jesus was powerless, homeless and helpless. There was a great deal of courage in searching for and in protecting Jesus. Am I courageous in searching for and in protecting Jesus “in the least of my people.”

The magi brought Jesus gifts. Sometimes, I refer to it as the first baby shower (a weird sense of humor). I vividly remember when I was involved in Campus Ministry at Merrimack College asking students involved in the RCIA process what gifts they can bring to Jesus. One young woman said she didn’t have any gifts to bring. What a sad thing that someone would think that. Considering my time, talents and treasures, what gifts do I have to bring to Jesus? Maybe calling someone who is dejected, maybe visiting someone who is lonely, maybe writing someone in prison, maybe serving a meal to someone who is hungry, maybe talking to someone who is contemplating an abortion, maybe helping a new refugee (a woman who came from the Ukraine three weeks ago was with us on Christmas Day)—any of these is bringing a gift to Jesus.

I remember as a child going to my aunt and uncle’s house every day between Christmas and January 6th and moving the statues of the three wise men in the stable a little closer to Jesus, representing their Journey. As an adult, I like to think it represents my journey, hopefully every day being a little closer to Jesus and giving him some of my gifts.

Remember, the wise person still follows the star and still seeks Jesus. Where will we find him this week? What gifts will we bring him this week? Is it possible that I might be a light this week for someone else who is seeking Jesus and that person finds him in me?

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

