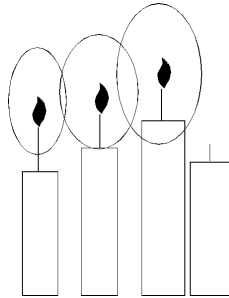


# St. Augustine Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

*Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*



## MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the World. Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the "Magnificat," shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH!

Our faith community is full of goodness, rich in spirituality and welcoming to all. Through our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and our reliance upon the Holy Spirit, we live out our tradition of faith, hope and love as we continue to serve Him through His church. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Father John Jicha so he may personally welcome you to our parish.

## Christmas Schedule



### Saint Augustine Church

**MASSES**



**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00 PM

9:30 PM- Candlelight Mass  
Music Presentation 9 PM

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Mass 8:30 AM

### Saint James Church

**MASSES**



**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

4 PM – Children's Mass  
6:30 PM – Candlelight Mass

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Mass 11:00 AM



## PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
St. Joseph's Church  
17630 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown

## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
12/10	St. James	4:00 PM	The People of the Parish
12/10	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Sueko Krystanowict
12/11	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Lawrence Shaw
12/11	St. James	11:00 AM	Don Schwartz Jr.
12/12	St. James	11:30 AM	Lucous Horne
12/13	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Douglas Pike
12/14	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Debra Grogg SI
12/16	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Patricia Modell

## PRAYER CIRCLE

The prayer list published in the bulletin each week is a vehicle to notify parishioners of those in need of prayer. We focus on praying for the sick, those who have died, and for those who are serving in the military. Please call to add names to the listing by calling the church office or contacting Pat Palmer at 301.223.7992. **Please pray for:** Connie Adenhardt, Pat & Jim Baer, Provie Cardinale, Fr. Carter, Don Christensen, Midge Christopher, Jean Cushwa, Lisa Deleo, Joe DePalma, Doug DiRisio, Betty & Jack Dove, Kathryn Folley, Angela Gentile, George Gildersleeve, Mary Ann Gohr, Mark Gordon, Arnold Gozora, Bernice & Jim Grandstaff, Ed Grebenstein, Debra Grogg, Joe Harris, Sabrina Jones, Joe Kallas, Beulah Keller, Danny Keller, Jonathan Knight, Dot Komarinski, Patty & George Koons, Claire O'Connell, Our Military, Betty Moore, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, Alli Pinieski, Thomas Quinlan (baby), Toni Rickard, Ginny Russell, Don Sanders, Tracy Serpi, Lawrence Shaw, Teresa (Elly) & Harry Sirbaugh, Danny Spaw, Vocations, Norm Walker, Antoinette Wetzell, Dee Wyand, Katie Yentsch.

## MASS CARDS

If you wish to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the church, or email parish45@verizon.net. If you wish to send a card with your gift of prayer, cards are available at the church office. Mass intentions are a wonderful way to remember birthdays, anniversaries, to remember the sick and for those who have died. There is no fee for Masses, but a stipend of \$5 or more is typically provided.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	December 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lectors	Dave Gentile	Mike Fortier
Eucharistic Ministers	Host: R. Bielicki Cup: M. Harsh D. McQuay	Host: A. Thim Cup: D. Ellis D. Ellis
Altar Servers	L. Margevich	K. Cooper
Money Counters		Bev & Earl Eppard Mary Lou Plum

## CARD MINISTRY

St. Augustine's cares about our fellow parishioners. To express our care and concerns, we have a card ministry. We can send cards to parishioners who are sick, hospitalized, recuperating from surgery, experiencing a terminal illness or homebound. Cards of sympathy can also be sent to those who have had a death in their immediate family. We can also send congratulatory cards to parishioners who are celebrating births and marriages. If you know of a parishioner who would like to receive a card, please contact Connie by calling 301.582.4394.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Tony Clement will be Confirmed this weekend at St. Augustine's Church at the 6:30 Mass. There will be a reception following Mass. All are invited to attend!

## Prayer for our Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Prayer is one of the most important forms of support. Please, during this holy season, remember our men and women serving in our armed forces, and for their families.

This prayer is not for ours alone but for all military far from home. I ask You to keep them safe and sound on their way to where they're bound. We love them all that are asked to fight, so keep them safe for us tonight. Amen.

## New to the Neighborhood?

Registration and Change of  
Information Form



### Saint Augustine Church

Please complete and return by placing in the collection basket or by mailing to the church or bringing to the church office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK IF:

New    Address Change    Moving



### THEOLOGY STRAIGHT UP

We resume Theology Straight Up Monday evening Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Our guest speaker is Carlos Osorio, St. Ann's Seminarian. Carlos will share highlights of his spiritual journey leading to his vocation. We meet at Ocean Pacific Buffet on the Dual Highway, Hagerstown. Enjoy their buffet 6 – 6:45 PM. The program is 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. In case of wintry weather, TSU is cancelled if Washington County schools are cancelled or dismissed early. Contact: Cindy McKoin, 301. 745.5666, [c.mckoin@myactv.net](mailto:c.mckoin@myactv.net).

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

August 30<sup>th</sup> thru September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Join Fr. Collin O'Poston,

Fr. Michael O'DeAscanis & Fr. Matt O'Buening

Featuring Dublin, Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Knock, Ring of Kerry and Mass and prayer at historic churches and shrines throughout Ireland... plus the Notre Dame/Navy football game in Dublin! Three awesome priests, one glorious pilgrimage. Call Ron O'Doub for info and brochures 410.802.5365.



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.  
Admission is free. Join us at Saint James Brethren Church, 17718, Lappans Road, 1 mile past Fountain Rock Elementary School. Light refreshments will be served following the concert.


### CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Fr. John Murphy, March 25<sup>TH</sup> Thru April 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012 on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, MD. Ports of Call: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Nassau and Freeport (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1307 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860.399.1785 or [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com). Deadline is December 16<sup>TH</sup>.

### PLEASE NOTE

Ladies lunch and parishioner's night out are cancelled during the month of December.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's makes great stocking stuffers.  
Check them out in the atrium!



*Flower Memorials*

Christmas Memorials are now being received. Please complete the envelope provided in today's bulletin with your offering, and place in the collection basket. Memorials are due by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please print the names clearly. Memorials will be listed in Christmas bulletin.

Thank you.

**THE GIVING TREE**

We wish to offer our sincerest thank you to our parishioners who took a gift tag off the giving tree. We are grateful for your kindness.

*Thank you*

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	St. Augustine	St. James
Attendance	190	345
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,641	\$2,352
Offertory Electronic	\$670	\$525
Offertory Loose	\$257	\$803
Maintenance	\$514	\$882
Pastoral Collection	\$30	\$35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,112</b>	<b>\$4,597</b>

As always we are most grateful to all persons for their financial gifts to the church, in whatever form best suits them. May God bless and guide us always in using all such gifts for the building of His Kingdom.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**



**YES St. Nick is Catholic!**

Saint Augustine offers you another way to share what God has given you through our electronic giving format. This simple and secure method of giving to Saint Augustine has many advantages, and with more and more people using the internet for financial matters, we hope it is useful and helpful for many parishioners. If you are interested in signing-up for electronic giving, please go to [www.staugustinemd.org](http://www.staugustinemd.org) for additional information.

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED LEAVING ST. AUGUSTINE'S IN YOUR WILL?**

A bequest in your will, no matter what the amount, will help the church continue to care for and service God's people through vital programs that: educate our children and youth in the faith; feed the poor; console those who are troubled and in need of counseling; and inspire through vibrant worship. If you wish more information, please contact the church office.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**



Winter begins on December 21<sup>st</sup>. With the arrival of winter comes the chance of ice and snow becoming a threat. Please do not risk coming to Mass if the conditions are poor.