

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

January 1st, 2012



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Shakespeare, in his play *Romeo and Juliet*, writes, “What’s in a name?” Today’s scriptures remind us that there is a lot in a name. The names that are mentioned in these readings symbolize significant relationships in our faith: Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Abba. When we first meet Mary in Luke’s Gospel, the Evangelist writes simply, “and the virgin’s name was Mary.” Mary—a young, faithful Jewish girl, whose very name is synonymous with the “Yes!” with which she responded to God’s plan. We have come to honor the name Mary: “Hail Mary” we pray in imitation of the angel’s greeting. “Holy Mary” we pray, acknowledging her total dedication to God. Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. We honor Mary for her willingness to enter into a unique relationship with God’s Son—a relationship that enables all of us to name Jesus as our brother and savior.

MASS SCHEDULE

| DATE | CHURCH | TIME | MASS INTENTION |
|-------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 12/31 | St. James | 4:00 PM | Mary A. Smithers |
| 12/31 | St. Augustine | 6:30 PM | Vincent Householder |
| 1/1 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM | Thomas Kunkleman Sr. |
| 1/1 | St. James | 11:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| 1/2 | St. James | 11:30 AM | Vince Lanasa |
| 1/3 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM | Elizabeth Householder S.I. |
| 1/4 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM | Jim Adenhardt |
| 1/6 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM | Rev. John T. Carter S.I. |
| 1/6 | St. James | 11:30 AM | Kevin King |

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.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE!

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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Change of Information Form

St. Augustine Catholic Church

Please complete and return by placing in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check If: New Moving Address Change



HEY, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!



If you have not explored our parish website you don't know what you are missing! Our website is loaded with information on upcoming events, parish ministries, youth news, and much more. You can even download our weekly bulletin in color!

Be sure to visit us at www.staugustinemd.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



In Memory of Gozora and O'Mara Families
from Kay & Arnold Gozora.



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, Eileen, 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, Eva Womfield, Dee Wyand, Katie Yentsch.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

| December 25 th | St. Augustine | St. James |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | December 24th Only |
| Attendance | 387 | 430 |
| Offertory Envelopes | \$764 | \$465 |
| Offertory Electronic | \$885 | \$660 |
| Offertory Loose | \$636 | \$0 |
| Maintenance | \$80 | \$96 |
| Pastoral Collection | \$15 | \$141 |
| CHRISTMAS | \$2,361 | \$3,826 |
| TOTAL | \$4,741 | \$5,188 |

THANK YOU

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

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 for additional information.

RESPECT LIFE

The "woman clothed with the sun"—the Book of Revelation tells us—"was with child" (12:2). The Church is fully aware that she bears within herself the Saviour of the world, Christ the Lord. She is aware that she is called to offer Christ to the world, giving men and women new birth into God's own life. But the Church cannot forget that her mission was made possible by the motherhood of Mary, who conceived and bore the One who is "God from God", "true God from true God". Mary is truly the Mother of God, the Theotokos, in whose motherhood the vocation to motherhood bestowed by God on every woman is raised to its highest level. Thus Mary becomes the model of the Church, called to be the "new Eve", the mother of believers, the mother of the "living" (cf. Gen 3:20). --The Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul the Great

TROUBLED MARRIAGE

RETROUVAILLE, a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend their brokenness, and help open up the line of communication in your marriage. Please give them a call or visit their website to attend a couples weekend on January 13-15, 2012. There is still time to register! Call 301.468.6764, or please visit our website - www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or email TomnCarol@comscast.net.

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Williamsport Ministerium and the Williamsport Food Bank would like to invite the volunteers of the food bank from Saint Augustine's to a luncheon on February 1st in the fellowship hall of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Williamsport. The luncheon is being held to honor Mary Ann Kline for her years of dedication to the Food Bank. The luncheon will be followed by a brief meeting to discuss some of the changes that will be occurring in 2012. Please RSVP by January 20th.

FOOD BANK

Saint Augustine's is schedule to volunteer at the Williamsport Food Bank on January 2nd & January 5th. We wish to give thanks to those who are faithful to contributing to our local food bank.

If you wish to give a monetary donation, please place offering in a plain envelope and mark donations for food bank with your name. The shelves are low and need to be restocked, please note items needed to replenish.

Items needed: Beef Stew, Peas, Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Soup, Rice, Applesauce, Canned Peaches, Fruit Cocktail and Pudding, Macaroni, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Juice, Jello, Crackers and Hygiene Products.



THEOLOGY STRAIGHT UP

We resume Theology Straight Up Monday evening Jan. 9th, 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 at 301.745.5666, c.mckoin@myactv.net.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Adoring the Real and Whole Presence of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Throughout church history, people have experienced tremendous graces in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and see for yourself. Jesus is waiting for YOU!

Adorers Needed

The Adoration Chapel
is located by St. Maria Goretti High School,
1535 Oak Hill Avenue, in Hagerstown.

Call Mr./Mrs. Ott for more info or access
keycards at 301.739.4167 or Roger Milihram
at 301.432.6791.

Thank you.








CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

No one credibly accused of child sexual abuse is in any ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Anyone who knows of, or suspects child abuse by a priest, employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese should contact the Archdiocese at (866) 417.7469, as well as the appropriate State authorities.

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

As a parish located within the Archdiocese of Baltimore Saint Augustine's is committed to providing a safe environment for children and youth. Any parishioner who works with children and youth in any capacity is required to complete the STAND process. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer where there is substantial contact with children and youth are required to the STAND process. To protect children and youth, volunteers are screened for their fitness to work with minors. The process requirements are: * Filling out the Application for Volunteer Service with complete reference information provided. * Training received online or in house regarding child abuse and protection of children (STAND video for those over 18 years of age, Worthy of the Call video for youth between the ages of 14 – 18), Volunteer Criminal History Screening Consent form - adults 18 years of age and over. Once the process is completed only then is a parishioner permitted to volunteer.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

-  To report child abuse by a church employee/volunteer – 1.866.417.7469
-  To report financial/employee improprieties - 1.888.572.8026
-  For healing from an abortion – Rachel's Vineyard - 1.800.286.4224
-  For crisis pregnancy assistance – Gabriel Project - 301.262.9011
-  Vocations to priesthood/religious life - 410.547.5426

INCLEMENT WEATHER



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.