

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

January 8th, 2012



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

TREASURES

FROM OUR TRADITION

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening. Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed.



PRAYER CIRCLE

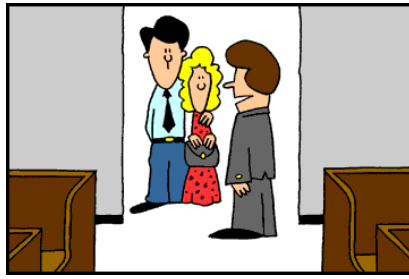
The prayer list published in the bulletin each week is a vehicle to notify parishioners of those in need of prayer. We focus on praying for the sick, those who have died, and for those who are serving in the military. Please call to add names to the listing by calling the church office or contacting Pat Palmer at 301.223.7992.

Please pray for: Connie Adenhardt, Helen Armstrong, Pat & Jim Baer, Provie Cardinale, Father Carter, Don Christensen, Midge Christopher, Jean Cushwa, Shirley and Don Day, 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, Stephen McGinley, 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, and Katie Yentsch.

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

VISITING OR NEW TO THE AREA?



WELCOME!

St. Augustine welcomes you and yours into our parish fellowship today. We sincerely hope you have felt at home and among friends. If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we welcome you to our parish family. Please introduce yourself to Father John so he may personally welcome you. If you attend St. Augustine on a regular basis and consider this your parish, and are not registered, please register and become an active member. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
1/7	St. James	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
1/7	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Todd Gordon
1/8	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Joseph Shaw SI
1/8	St. James	11:00 AM	Shelby Mose
1/9	St. James	11:30 AM	Ruth Ambrosia
1/10	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Donald Fazio
1/11	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Carla & Foster Householder SI
1/13	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Jim Adenhardt

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	January 14	January 15
Lectors	M. Harsh	B. Ruland
Eucharistic Ministers	Host: R. Bielicki Cup: A. Miller K. Miller	Host: G. DePalma Cup: J. DePalma K. Fortier
Altar Servers	M. Margevich	K. Cooper
Money Counters		D. & D. Ellis D. Buckley

ADORERS for PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located at St. Maria Goretti in Hagerstown. Prayer Partners needed! Tuesday from 8 to 9 AM; Wednesday from 4 to 5 PM, and from 5 to 6 PM. Thursday from 6 to 7 PM; Friday from 5 to 6 AM, 7 to 8 PM, 9 to 10 PM; Saturday from Noon to 1 PM, 10 to 11 PM; Sunday from 1 to 2 PM, 2 to 3 PM. For more information contact Mr./Mrs. Ott at 301.739.4167.



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.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

The amount collected for Mary's Center through the baby bottles amounted to \$1,018.63. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

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Please clip and place in an envelope with your gift of \$5 for Mass Intentions for the living or deceased, and place in the collection basket.

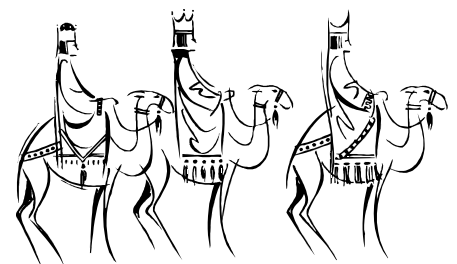
Decease _____

Living _____

The Mass is offered for

Your Name _____

Telephone Number _____



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder – There will be no classes on Jan. 15TH due to Martin Luther King's, Jr. Birthday. The parish is invited to join the religious education students and teachers for a coffee and pastry social after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 15TH. On January 29TH: Children's Liturgy of the Word Rehearsal 9:30 to 11 AM. On February 5TH Children's Liturgy will be at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Bad Weather Policy for Religion Classes:

If classes must be cancelled due to weather conditions, notification will be made by the Teacher/Parent Team.

SEEKING

OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE

Our Parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. One nominee from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please report the names, address, wedding date, and phone number of your candidate couple, married at least 50 years, to the parish office no later than January 24th.

THEOLOGY STRAIGHT UP

Theology Straight Up welcomes Msgr Smith as guest speaker Mon-day evening January 9th. Msgr. Smith will dialogue with us about Spiritual Exercises to Counter the January Blahs. We meet at the Ocean Pacific Buffet, 908 Dual Highway, Hagerstown. Enjoy the buffet 6 to 6:45 PM. The program is from 7 to 8:30 PM. NOTE: 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.

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

(OCDS) helps you to deepen your love relationship with God. It is dedicated to Mary the Contemplative, who kept the words of the Lord and pondered them in her heart in the midst of her life in the world and everyday duties. The Carmelites meet usually 2nd Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 PM in the Parish Center of St. Mary Catholic Church. Contact Daria at 301.639.0996 to discuss the Third Order Carmelites and the formation program.

SHEPHERD TABLE

The Shepherd's Table is open to anyone in the community that is in need of a hot meal and fellowship. Doors open at 5 PM at the Rehoboth UM Church on Salisbury Street. Each week one of the local churches will host at the Rehoboth. St. Augustine is always in need of monetary donations to help prepare meals when it comes to our turn. If you wish to support the Shepherd's Table, please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark for Williamsport Shepherd's Table.

WMSPT FOOD BANK

Food Bank hours: Monday and Thursday from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Thursday evenings 6 to 8 PM. Clients may come in once a month to get food items, if for some reason they desperately need more food, they must speak with a Pastor in the Ministerium and get approval. To prove current residency, client must provide a current utility bill (ie phone, light, water bill) that has their address on it. Please place donations to the food bank in box provided in the atrium. Thanks!

DINNER DANCE

Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, January 14th from 6 to 11 PM - at the Council Hall on Leitersburg Pike. Come and enjoy lasagna, pasta, garlic bread, Italian salad, and dessert. Soft drinks and beer & wine are included in the price of the ticket (\$10 per adult and \$5 per child). Have some family fun while supporting the Knights of Columbus who earn money for many Catholic causes. Tickets available by any Knight!

TIS BE A SHAME IF YOU DON'T JOIN US!

*In the footsteps of St. Patrick
Ireland Pilgrimage*

August 30th thru September 8th, 2012. Join Father Michael DeAscanis, Father Matt Buening and Father Collin Poston. Featuring Dublin, Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry, and much more plus Mass and prayer at historic churches and shrines throughout Ireland See the Notre Dame/Navy football game in Dublin Call Ron Doub for info and brochures 410.802.5365.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

January 1, 2012	St. James	St. Augustine
Attendance	310	129
Offertory Envelopes	\$1,945	\$1,510
Offertory Electronic	\$405	\$670
Offertory Loose	\$2,711	\$161
Maintenance	\$710	\$408
Pastoral Collection	\$75	\$25
TOTAL	\$5,378	\$2,774

*We would like to thank
all of our parish families who made
contributions to the church of Saint Augustine's
throughout this past year!*

TAX STATEMENT

We are happy to furnish tax statements for contributions to families who contribute via envelopes. If you would like a statement, please contact or call the church office by calling 301.223.7959. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Saint Augustine's offers you another way to share what God has given you through our electronic giving format. This simple and secure method of giving to St. Augustine's 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.



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!



A NOTE OF THANKS

Our staff would like to thank those who added the extra seven pounds to each of us in the office with the wonderful cookies, candy and other goodies. We really enjoyed your thoughtfulness. Can't wait until Easter!

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

PARISHIONER'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, January 12th at 6 PM at La Trattoria Italian Restaurant, located at 240 Lutz Ave. Martinsburg, WV. Next Door to the Comfort Inn that's on Edwin Miller Blvd. Please RSVP/need a ride or want to carpool, please call Edith at 301.432.2028. Thank you.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Pot Luck Ladies Lunch. Held at Saint Augustine's Church January 19th at 12 Noon. Shavundah Gift Exchange (optional) Shavundah Gift is one in which you've saved an unneeded present kept under your bed and we'll exchange the gifts after having lunch. No gift tag required and the exchange is a lot of fun. RSVP to Edith at 301.432.2028 or please email me at lifeisverygood@hughes.net