

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15th, 2012

WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made. John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus. The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah." It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

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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 so he may personally welcome you. If you attend Saint Augustine on a regular basis and consider this your parish, and are not registered, please register and become an active member.

Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted With a Stewardship." We have been entrusted with a stewardship to care for the less fortunate members of our community. Let us act as our Savior Jesus Christ and touch their lives with compassion. Let us share the many blessings that God has bestowed on us and give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world. Each parish receives 25% of collected funds from their parishioners until its goal is reached. At that point, the parish receives 50% of all additional funds received over goal. Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments.

Thank you.

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, Phyllis Burgess, 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, Dot McQuay, Our Military, Betty Moore, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, Kathy Pickens, 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 Wetzal, Eva Womfield, Dee Wyand, and Katie Yentsch.

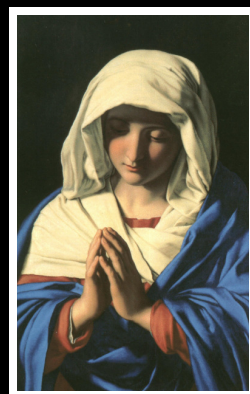
CARD MINISTRY

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
1/14	St. James	4:00 PM	Charles Navin
1/14	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	The People of the Parish
1/15	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Pat & Jim Baer SI
1/15	St. James	11:00 AM	Bruce DePasquale
1/16	St. James	11:30 AM	NO MASS
1/17	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Adeline Domenici
1/18	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Phyllis Burgess SI
1/20	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Jim Adenhardt

Our Deepest Sympathy



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Mr. William Knipple,
A member of our parish
family!

Eternal rest grant unto him
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him. May
all the souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT



Join us in a Married Couples Retreat at Priestfield, WV on the weekends of March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 27th. We have running retreats for over 35 years and couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. Please call Elaine at 410.252.5355 for more information.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	January 21	January 22
Lectors	Bud Strasser	Bill Sonnik
Eucharistic Ministers	Host: A. Givens Cup: D. McQuay M. Harsh	Host: A. Thim Cup: D. & D. Ellis
Altar Server	A. Watkins	B. Brodnan
Money Counters		B. & E. Eppard M. L. Plum

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

January 8, 2012	St. James	St. Augustine
Attendance	354	193
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,285	\$1,557
Offertory Electronic	\$165	\$465
Offertory Loose	\$627	\$189
Maintenance	\$234	\$95
Pastoral Collection	\$638	\$106
TOTAL	\$4,549	\$2,412

THANK YOU

Thank you for your weekly sacrificial giving and for your continued support toward the needs of the parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

Infirm Priest

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 Saint 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.

RESPECT LIFE

If you can't be there, - watch it
live on
EWTN



The Walk for Life West Coast (Live) Saturday, January 21st at 1 PM ET, & Sunday, January 22nd at 1:30 PM ET. Join Father Mark, Mary and Doug Barry for live coverage of the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, California.

March For Life (Live) Monday, January 23rd at 11:00 AM. A EWTN Exclusive. Live and complete coverage of the most important pro-life event of the year: the 2012 March for Life in Washington D.C. This prayerful event starts with the Rally for Life and leads to the march up Constitution Avenue. Coverage includes interviews, panel discussions, and speeches by pro-lifers around the country.

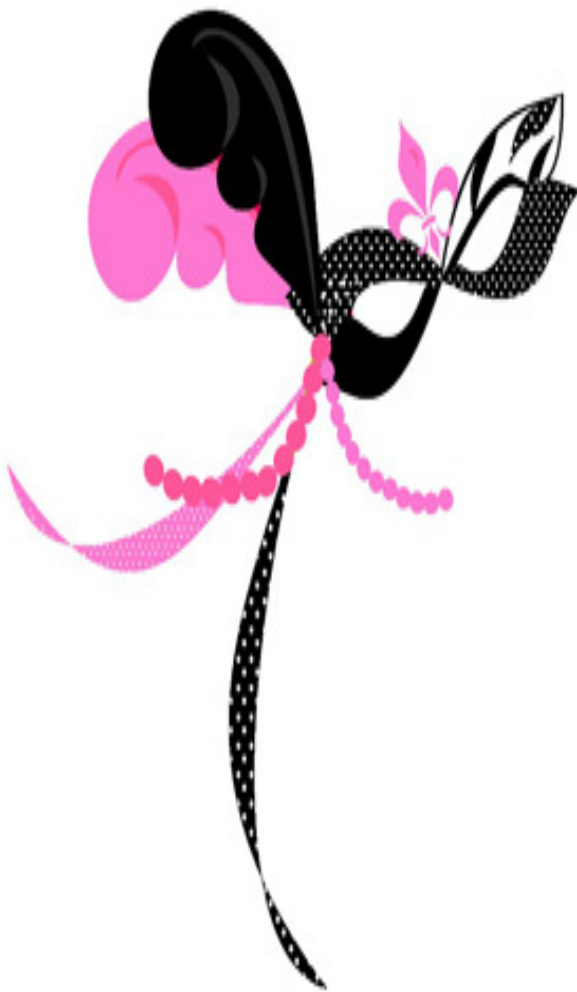
From the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: Solemn Vigil Mass for Life (Live) Sunday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM Solemn Mass for Life (Live) Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 AM.

SHEPHERDS TABLE

Saint Augustine's will host on Thursday at Rehoboth UM Church. We are in need of 3 large boxes on instant mashed potatoes, 1 gallon of milk and 2 pounds of margarine. If you are able to help us out, please contact Kathy at 301.842.3172. Thank you!

Mardi Gras Invitation

*It's Mardi Gras at the
Desert Rose Café*



AND GUESS

Who will be waiting on tables!

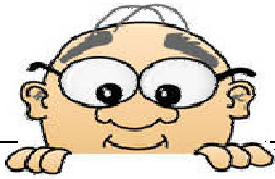
Father John
will be your server on
Tuesday, February 21st,
at the Desert Rose Café,
located on the corner on 42 N.
Conococheage Street
in Williamsport.

Father will be serving
jambalaya, crab cakes, and all items
on the regular menu.

And it gets better!

St. Augustine's will receive 10%
back from the total bill, AND, 100%
of the tips that you leave Father!

So be generous,
he will be working hard!
Mark your calendar, and join in the
fun, and support
Saint Augustine's in this delicious
fundraiser.



WHAT'S UP?



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.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Father Joe Breighner will lead a weekend retreat for women from Friday, Feb. 17TH, at 7:15 PM to Sunday, Feb. 19TH TO 3 PM. A deposit of \$75 is required to make a reservation, and the suggested offering for the weekend is \$250. The retreat house is in McLean, Virginia. Give yourself the gift of quiet! "In quiet and in trust your strength lies." Isaiah 30:15. Please call 703.356.4243, or visit www.dominicanretreat.org to sign up, or for additional information.



BAD WEATHER POLICY FOR RELIGION CLASSES



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no classes on Jan. 15TH due to Martin Luther King's, Jr's birthday.

YOU ARE INVITED

The parish is invited to join the religious education students and teachers for a coffee and pastry social after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, Jan. 15TH. On Jan. 29TH rehearsal for the Children's Liturgy of the Word, from 9:30 to 11 AM. On February 5TH the Children's Liturgy will be at the 8:30 AM.

STORYTIME

Please come to St. Mary's Catholic School on Wednesday, January 25th at 12:30 PM to hear "Snowmen at Night" by Caralyn Buehner. An activity and snack related to the story will accompany the reading of the story. All Pre-School aged children are welcome, and parents are required. RSVP by January 23rd to 301.733.1184.

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mary's Elementary

Grades K thru 8

218 W. Washington Street

301.733.1184

Web site: www.stmarycatholicsschool.org



St. Maria Goretti High School

1535 Oak Hill Avenue

301.739.4266

Web site: www.goretti.org