

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29th, 2012

AUTHORITY FROM GOD

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name. That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends. That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic - truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Visit God's House

THIS WEEKEND

Saint Augustine's 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 Saint Augustine's on a regular basis and consider this your parish, and are not registered, please register and become an active member.

Mass Intentions

Date	Church	Time	Mass Intentions
1/28	St. James	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
1/28	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Doug Pike
1/29	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Pat & Jim Baer S.I.
1/29	St. James	11:00 AM	Dorothy Cunningham
1/30	St. James	11:30 AM	Thomas Folley
1/31	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Communion Service
2/1	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Amedeo Minichilli
2/3	St. Augustine Church	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Householder S.I.
2/3	St. James Church	11:30 AM	Kevin King

Mass Intentions

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.

Inclement Weather

WEEK DAY MASSES: If Washington County schools are closed or opening late, weekday Mass will be cancelled for the safety of all.

WEEKEND MASSES: We will make every effort to be open, but if roads are hazardous, there is an automatic dispensation from Sunday obligation.



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, Pam Mackley, 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 Wetzell, Eva Womfield, and Katie Yentsch.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This week, you are asked to review the insert today in the bulletin. The theme of the campaign is "Entrusted with a Stewardship" (1 Corinthians 9:17) A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. Our in-pew pledge will take place next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



CHERISH

Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
2/4	E. Altshuler	Host: R. Bielicki Cup: B. Deal C. Rupp	S. Flessner
2/5	Children's Liturgy	Host: N. Reeder Cup: M. Watkins F. Watkins	Children's Liturgy
2/5	Money Counters	Gary DePalma Jenny DePalma Dorothy Kaetzel	

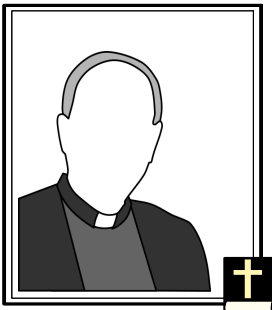
Catholic Hearts Espoused Rejoice In Sacramental Hope

CHERISH Retreat Day for husbands and wives has been planned for the both of you on Saturday, February 18th from 1 to 8 PM, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 224 W. Washington Street in Hagerstown. Join us as we celebrate the gift of Sacramental Marriage with Father Collin Poston, Father Jim Sorra, Fr. Brian Noland and Chris and Linda Padgett. Opportunities for Confession, Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass with renewal of wedding vows, Reception Dinner. **RSVP BY-** Wednesday, February 15th at www.cherishcouples.org or by calling 301.797.6493.

Free Babysitting Available. Includes food and games with carnival themes

Mystery Birthday - ?

HINT: Two little birdies told us this person likes vacations in Mexico, waiting on tables at Desert Rose, AND has been seen hanging around churches. He uses lots of Sunday school words like, - Bless you children of God, - see you in confession, holy smoke, and stuff like that. If you see this mystery person, be sure to wish him a very happy birthday!!!



Born:
February 4th, 1960

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, visit www.staugustinemd.org.

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!



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

St. Maria Goretti High School

St. Maria Goretti High School is gearing up to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Monday, January 30th through Friday, February 3rd. The week will involve a variety of activities, including Student Appreciation Day, Faculty Appreciation Day, an Honors Assembly, a National Honor Society fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and a Sports Equipment Drive. The celebration will begin with a special Mass on Monday, January 30th at 10 AM. Please plan to join us! All are welcome.



Winter Open House

Visit St. Maria Goretti HS on Thursday, February 9th, from 6 to 8 PM. The Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet the faculty, staff, administration, and to learn about the academics, campus ministry, athletics, arts, and all that our school has to offer. Individual family tours will be led by current students. Light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Equipment Drive!

Help us celebrate the spirit of Catholic Schools Week by donating any used sports equipment including (but not limited to) basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs, and softballs; bats/clubs; and gloves/mitts. All donations will benefit local organizations. Make a difference today! Equipment can be dropped off in Goretti's school office and collections will also take place before and after the Boys JV and Varsity Basketball games starting at 5:30 PM in the Gael Center on Friday, February 3rd. For more information, please visit www.goretti.org.

Saint Mary's Catholic School

A five-year strategic plan is being developed for Saint Mary's Catholic School. The strategic planning committee would appreciate your input. An online survey is available at -

www.surveymonkey.com/s/StMaryCatholicSchoolHagerstown

Until February 17th.

Thank you for your support of SMCS.

What's Happening?



I Wish You Are Coming!

Hi! My name is Elisa Shaw. I am having an Aladdin play. I am Jasmine. The times are Feb. 17th at 7:30 PM, Feb. 18th at 7:30 PM, and Feb. 19th at 2 PM. They will be at the Academy Theater on Potomac Street. If you are interested and want to come, please tell Miss Suzi. I hope you come!

St. Augustine's

Parishioners Night Out

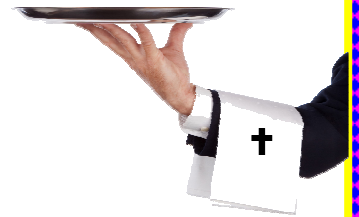
You are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9th at 6 PM at Marco NY Pizza and Restaurant, located 20 Milestone Terr., Williamsport. They are close to McDonald's and in the same shopping center strip as China 88. Please RSVP to Edith by phone at 301.432.2028, or you may email lifeisverygood@hughes.net. See you there!

Ladies Lunch

We would love to have you join us on Thursday, February 16th at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located 17410 Valley Mall Road in Hagerstown. RSVP to Edith by calling 301.432.2028, or you may send her an email at: lifeisverygood@hughes.net.

Mardi Gras

**I
WILL BE
YOUR
SERVER!**



Father John will be your server on Tuesday, February 21st, at the Desert Rose Café, located on the corner of 42 N. Conococheague St. in Williamsport, between the hours of 5 to 8 PM. Father will be serving jambalaya, crab cakes, and all items on the regular menu. And it gets better! Our Church will receive 10% back from the total bill, AND, 100% of the tips that you leave Father! Mark your calendar, and join in the fun, and support Saint Augustine's in this delicious fundraiser.

St. Joseph's Church

Mardi Gras Casino Night and Auction will be held Saturday evening, February 18th. Your \$25 ticket entitles you to a cocktail buffet including a carving station, assorted edible delights and delightful desserts. There will be BINGO, Trivial Pursuit, and many games of chance with cards and dice that will transform you to a night with Lady Luck. There will be both silent and live auctions with many wonderful items for you to bid on, and \$50 of "house money" for your gaming pleasure. All proceeds to benefit the St. Joseph Expansion Fund and the Parent-Child Center. Snow Date is February 19th. For tickets please call Saint Joseph's office at 301.797.9445.

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.

Each applicant will be notified. Please allow 2 weeks for the process to be completed.

Online training and forms can be found at: <http://archbalt.org/child-youth-protection/index.cfm>. For more info regarding the process please call the church office.



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.

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

Respect Life

And I pledge more. No one has to have an abortion. To all of those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Let us help you find a new life with your child, or let us help you place that child in a loving home. But please, I beg you: let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an "answer" in this Archdiocese." – Archbishop Edwin O'Brien

Lobby Night

President's Day, February 20th from 3 to 8 PM, St. Mary's High School, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis. Registration is required at www.mdccathcon.org/lobbysnight. Join hundreds of Maryland's Catholics who will gather for the 28th year in our State Capitol to meet with legislators and to urge their support for laws that respect human life and dignity. Your voice is needed to defend the vulnerable and unborn, support Catholic education and ensure funding for programs that aid the poor.