

Saint Augustine Quarterly

NEWSLETTER

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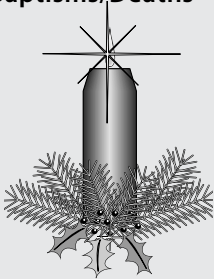
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December | 2011

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Christmas Masses are the regular weekend Mass times in both churches:

St. Augustine

Sat. December 24
5:30pm

Sun. December 25
9:00am

St. John - Plainfield

Sat. December 24
4:00pm

Sun. December 25
7:00am and 10:30am

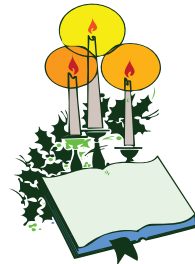


This Christmas Eve St. Augustine will have:

Outside "**LUMINARIES**" lighting our way to celebrate the birth of Christ.

A choir will sing the new "**Glory to God.**"

LET US CELEBRATE!



Regular Mass Weekend and Weekday Mass Schedules are as follows:

St. John - Plainfield

Sat. 4:00pm
Sun. 7:00am and 10:30am

St. Augustine

Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 9:00am
Weekday Masses:
Tues. and Thurs. 6:30pm

PARISH NOTES!

Prayerful Stitches:

The stitchers met on December 6th at St. Augustine. This marked the 3rd anniversary of our first organizational meeting. We began our evening with a Mass of Thanksgiving and had about 20 finished shawls in the church as a visible sign of our work. To date, we have presented 162 shawls/blankets as well as 71 red scarves to RCIA and Confirmation candidates. A meeting and refreshments followed. We discussed our schedule for the upcoming season. We will NOT MEET the last 2 weeks in December due to the holidays, and will resume on Jan. 7th at a new location - the Canterbury Community Center from 10am to noon. Please consider inviting someone to join us there - stitching and visiting is a wonderful way to spend a cold winter morning. We decided to cut back on evening meetings to 4 per year - April, June, Sept., and Dec. Additional dates may be added if the need arises. We are grateful to all our members who may not be able to attend meetings but

help with shawl deliveries and by stitching at home. You are very important to our ministry! We continue to welcome input from our parish family about possible shawl recipients. Please contact any member of the stitchers or the rectory if you know of someone who would benefit from a visible sign of God's comfort due to illness, loss, life change or celebration.



LADIES GUILD:

We had a very successful Harvest Bazaar. Thank you to all parish members and guests that contributed! We had our annual Christmas party on Monday December 12th. We will be hosting a book discussion in February, details to follow in the church bulletin. On March 25, 2012, there will be a special Mother/Daughter Mass with an Easter Bonnet fashion show directly following the Mass in the hall. We will hold a parish baby shower again in the spring. The donated items will be given to families in need in the diocese.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

The Parish Maintenance Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who have helped us maintain our church, rectory, and grounds this past year. We are currently soliciting estimates on energy efficient windows for our church and hall. There is still a list of maintenance projects that have gone unfinished. Once winter ends, we need to complete two important projects so that we do not incur damage from the elements. The siding on the class rooms is completely dry rotted and needs to be replaced. The cupola on the church roof is starting to leak. Both have been patched to get us through the winter, but immediate attention is required in the spring.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

CCD began in September for all grades. We have increased the class time each week by 15 minutes. This will help us comply with the diocese's requirements per school year.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY was held on Oct. 29th. Students from last year's Confirmation class volunteered to run the entire party for the children.

PARENTS DAY OUT was Sun. Dec. 4 from 12:00 to 3:30pm. Children had lunch, played games and had a visit from Santa. This "Day Out" allowed parents to have a few hours of free time. Students from the Confirmation classes volunteered their time for this fun event.



YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth Group continues to meet on Sundays when CCD does not meet. We get together for food, games, and fun. Youth are also challenged each meeting with a "Song of the Month" that connects their faith to real life.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at 7:00pm, our CCD students will provide us with a pageant retelling the story of the birth of Jesus. From the appearance of Gabriele to Mary to tell her she had been chosen to have a child, and would name Him Jesus, through the joy and adoration of the Three Wise Men, knowing the Savior had been born. The story will be told through words, action and music. Please come and participate in this annual event.

WEEKLY BULLETIN:

The weekly bulletin is prepared by Monday of every week for transmission to our printer. Please send all information for the bulletin by Monday to: Cheryl Laroux at rlaroux93@yahoo.com

If you don't have an email, call 860-546-6877. Please note: most holiday weeks require the bulletin to be transmitted up to 6 days earlier. You will be notified in the bulletin if that is the case.

CHRISTMAS SHARE DRIVE:

St. Augustine's Christmas share drive began officially on Dec. 3rd and 4th. This year we are helping 2 families. We placed tags on the Christmas Tree (hall side) with requests for items from both families. Our parishioners always answer a plea for help and this year is no different. Following 9am Mass on Dec. 18th the gifts and cards will be distributed to the families in time for Christmas. Thank you all for your kindness.

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM:

So far, 37 families have had their professional photos taken for our parish photo album. We are working with Lifetouch to produce this great keepsake and record of our parish family and activities. You can schedule your photo session by going online to the parish website which has a link, or sign up in the church hall, or call Anne Picard at 546-6269. There are times still available for Fri. Dec. 16 and Sat. Dec. 17. You will receive a free 8X10 photo. There is no charge to have your photo taken. We hope to have all our families represented in this album.



A Word from Father Peter...

A child is born for us.
This child is God's love
made visible and tangible.

When He was born
heaven glided down to
touch the earth and
humanity.
Divinity kissed Humanity.

May the joy and peace
of Christmas continue
to adorn your lives
through the coming
year!

Merry Christmas and
graceful New Year!
May God bless you!!

-Fr. Peter

*We welcome into our
Parish Family:*

Austin James Dayger, Jr.
Sept. 18, 2011

Kathryn LeClair
Nov. 27, 2011



Eucharistic Adoration

is every Thursday evening
at St. Augustine Church
immediately following
6:30pm Mass. Adoration
and Benediction generally
lasts for approximately 45
minutes. Please take time for
yourself and the Lord. Come
to Eucharistic Adoration.



Bible Classes are
held every Sunday
during 9:00 am Mass
for all children in
kindergarten through
4th grade.

**Adoration and
Benediction** by
Bishop Cote will
be **Jan. 19th** at St.
John's at 4:00pm.

*Resting in the
Peace of God*



Irene Reilly
(Oct. 14, 2011)



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Parish Events in Dec/Jan/Feb. 2011-12: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website for latest information

- Sat. Dec. 17:** Christmas Pageant following 5:30pm Mass
- Sun. Dec. 18:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Sat. Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Masses
 - St. John - 4:00pm
 - St. Augustine - 5:30pm
- Sun. Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Masses
 - St. John - 7:00am and 10:30am
 - St. Augustine - 9:00am
- Thurs. Jan. 19:** Adoration and Benediction by Bishop Cote - St. John's 4:00pm
- Sun. March 25:** Mother/Daughter Mass - Bonnet fashion show



Weekend Masses:
 Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
 Weekday Masses:
 Tues. & Thurs. 6:30pm
 Eucharistic Adoration Thurs.
 7:00pm-7:45pm
 CCD Schedule: Sundays
 K-4 After 9 am Mass - 1:30 am
 5-10 6pm-7:30 p.m.

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