

# St. Augustine Parish

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## PARISH STAFF

Reverend Louis C. Bier, Pastor  
Rev. Robert J. Murray, O.S.A., Weekend Ministry  
Reverend Francis H. Gallen, Pastor Emeritus  
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## PARISH RECTORY

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## ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

Rt. 202,  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406  
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## MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*(All Masses celebrated at St. Augustine Church unless noted otherwise).*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 @ OMS Worship Site  
10:30a.m.  
Weekdays: 7:30a.m. (Mon.-Thursday)  
Holy Days: As announced.

**DEVOTIONS: Miraculous Medal Prayers:** Wednesdays after Mass. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays from 8:00a.m until 12:00 Noon.

**FAITH FORMATION:** For parish children in grades K-8 attending non-catholic school. Instructions are held every Sunday at 9:00a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** Each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30p.m. Eves of Holy Days: 20 minutes before the Vigil Mass. Seasonal Penance Services and anytime by appointment.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is held during the year for any adult committed to discern if God is calling him/her to the Catholic faith.

**PRE-JORDAN:** Expectant parents and godparents are asked to participate in a seminar on Baptism held on the 4th Monday of every other month (Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May, July) in the Ministry wing at 7:30 p.m. Please call the rectory to register for the seminar. **Godparents:** Must bring a letter of eligibility from their home parish the evening of the seminar.

**BAPTISMS:** Celebrated the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months before the date of the wedding. Please contact the rectory.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Any parishioner who is ill, infirm or shut-in may receive Holy Communion at home. Please call the rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing. Please inform us of anyone who is hospitalized.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** All are welcome. Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the rectory office as soon as possible.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon.-Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. The rectory office is closed on civic holidays.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Personal receivers are available in the Sacristy for use at Mass for the hearing impaired.

The United Way of Southeastern PA Code Number for Bridgeport CYO is: 2328 St. Augustine

*We Are a Tithing Parish*

# January 11, 2009 - Baptism of the Lord

*“You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.”*

## COORDINATORS OF PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

**Adult Faith Formation** –  
**Altar Servers** – Leo Brady  
**Altar Society** –  
**Baby Sitting (Sunday Mass)** –  
**Baptismal Prep.** – Amy Czarkowski & Cheryl Smith  
**Building Committee** –  
**Bulletin** – Mary Ann Krajnik  
**Business Manager** – Coleen Popowicz  
**Cantors** – Helen Surman & Jan Krueger  
**Catholic Charities** – Jim Murphy  
**Children’s Faith Formation (CCD)**–Janet Kita  
**Cemetery Supervisor** – Jack DeStefano  
**Choir (Adult)** – Kass Reid  
**Community of Disciples** – Sr. Catherine & Ed Loughlin  
**CYO Advisory Board** – Jerry Cunnane  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – Kay Bolger & Jozef Bobok  
**Finance Council** – Father Bier  
**Food Certificate Program** – Coleen Popowicz  
**God’s Little Children** – Barbara Bores  
**Heart Program** – Beth Stalker  
**Hospitality Days** - Carol Wisor  
**Ladies Guild** – Mary Ann Krajnik  
**Lectors** – Peter Frasier & Eleanor Grabowski  
**Liturgy Committee** – Father Bier  
**Music Ministry** – Kass Reid & Helen Surman  
**Newsletter** –  
**Pastoral Council** – Father Bier  
**Peace & Justice Committee** – Janet Kita  
**Prayer Chain** – Linda Korpel  
**Pre-Cana** – John & Sheila Sargent  
**Prime Time (Senior Outreach)**  
**RCIA Representative** –  
**Respect Life** – Robert Bores  
**Sacristan** – Leo Brady  
**Stewardship Committee** –  
**Ushers** – Junior Evan & John Czarkowski  
**Vocation Coordinator** – John Sargent  
**Website Coordinator** – Jozef Bobok  
**Welcoming Committee** –  
**Youth Ministry** – Vanessa T. Unger

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev. Louis C. Bier    Kevin Bonner, '10    Karen Hinchey, '10    Janet Kita (ex-officio)  
Mary Eads, '09    Shawn Courtney, '10    Edward Kohler, '10    Leo Brady (appointed)  
Sheila Sargent, '09    John Czarkowski, '10    Brenda Turner, '10    Mary Ann Krajnik (appointed)

## “TITHING IS GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING”

*“And of all that You give me, I surely give one tenth to You.”*

*Genesis 28:22*

Sunday, December 28, 2008 - \$6,195.50

Sunday, December 30, 2007 - \$6,354.16

Christmas, 2008 thus far - \$18,606.00

Christmas, 2007 - \$18,034.00

Sunday, January 4, 2009 - \$4,870.00

Sunday, January 6, 2008 - \$ 6,324.59

Thank you for tithing – 5% to God’s Church and 5% to God’s other good works (2<sup>nd</sup> collections, Missions, Catholic Charities, Poor box, Parish Campaigns, Cancer research, Private charities, etc.).

## TITHING COMMENTS

Father Bier – *“We now thank God for His gift of love to us – His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us give back to God our gratitude by ‘tithing.’ I thank everyone who is ‘tithing’ and I ask everyone to consider becoming a tither during this season of ‘loving.’ If you cannot give a full 5%, then why not begin with 3%. God in His love will be grateful.”*

A Parishioner – *“God has always provided for me and my family and I am so thankful. I hope more parishioners begin to tithe as I have done for 10 years. It is an act of faith - and God will respond to that faith. Just trust Him.”*

Every household has received a **“Tithing Comment”** card. After you have had some time to pray, read and think about tithing, you are invited to share your personal feelings by returning this ‘comment’ card via the collection basket. Your comments will help and encourage our parishioners to join in the spirit of tithing.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for these and all our Military personnel:



*BM2 Stefan Bachman, Cpt. Pascal Blanchette, Cpl. James Ellis, USMC, HM2 Michael Ford, Gregory Giordano (Army), Gregory Kantz, Stephen Kantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joseph Saboe, Lt. J.G. Shane R. Dennis, Sgt. Matthew McNulty,*

*USMC, Major William Watson.*

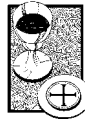
*“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”*

*The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of the deceased members of the Rinnier family at the request of the family.*



*An offering of \$10.00 is requested. You can call the rectory to make arrangements.*

*THE BREAD & WINE in the early Church were brought by the people and used at the celebration of the Mass. The bread and wine this week is for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood.*



*If you wish to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church, please call the rectory to make arrangements. An offering of \$20.00 for each memorial is requested.*

If you wish to place flowers on the altars at either of our Churches in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, kindly contact the rectory and we will contact the florist. Thank you.



We are happy to keep the name of your loved one on the list for **one month**. If you wish to extend a request for prayers beyond this time, please contact the Rectory to let us know so we do not remove the name from the list. Please remember, only the names of the seriously ill should be placed on the sick list. Thank you.



**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

*James Brogan, Darian Capobianco, Pasquale Capobianco, Cynthia Collins, Nancy Davidson, Msgr. William Dombrow, Christopher Ellow, Rev. Francis H. Gallen, Mary Huth, John Kuhna, Paige Leary, Michelle Lewis, Inez Mainieri, Patricia McCarthy, Joseph Mulvey, Christopher Nero, Sister Georgene Luther, Mark Puckerin, Chris Smith, Milton Stratton, Tricia Taggart, Benjamin Walsh, James White and Lauren Williams.*



## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY – 1/11 – Baptism of the Lord**

**8:00AM:** Bonnie Kohler & Paul Noblitt

Requested by – Ed & Pat Kohler

**10:30AM:** Walter R. Fischuk

Requested by – Marie Fischuk

**MONDAY- 1/12 - Weekday**

**7:30AM:** St. Monica Society

**TUESDAY – 1/13 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Samuel Logan

Requested by – His Aunt, Emily Palladino

**WEDNESDAY – 1/14 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Ruth Gramaski

Requested by – Stanley Gramaski

**THURSDAY – 1/15 – Weekday**

**7:30AM** Reds Fogarty

Requested by – Kitty Fogarty

**FRIDAY – 1/16 – Weekday**

NO MORNING MASS

**SATURDAY – 1/17 – Anthony, abbot**

**5:00PM:** Rose & Joe Mazei

Requested by – Estate

**SUNDAY – 1/18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM:** Carl Tomczuk

Requested by – Mom & Dad

**10:30AM:** Anna Powell

Requested by – Gloria Swede

**N.B. – Father Bier says Mass for the people of the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Rev. Joseph J. Kennedy**

**Rev. William A. Wright**

**John McTamney**

**Rev. Joseph E. Walsh**

**Rev. Joseph A. Senske**



## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every **Wednesday from 8:00AM to 12 Noon**. Please stop and spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.

**ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN:** If you wish to place anyone on the ‘**prayer chain**’ or if you wish to be a member of the prayer chain, contact **Linda Korpel at 610-291-1138**.



Dear Friends:

One of the great strengths of the Catholic Church is its sense of history. Our faith goes all the way back to the time of Jesus and John the Baptist. It goes back to Elijah, to Joshua, Moses and Abraham. They all believed in the divine Messiah, the one who was coming into the world. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we share the same faith as these ancient figures. Sacramentally, we cross the Jordan and go down into the water with Christ, so that we can one day enter the promised land of heaven.

At his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus sums up all that history of salvation and begins his public mission of preaching the kingdom. Jesus has passed that mission on to the apostles and the whole Church, including every parishioner of St. Augustine. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord by involving ourselves in the mission of the work of this parish, which is the work of Jesus. During this New Year, I encourage you to become more involved in the mission of Jesus in our parish.

I encourage as many parishioners as possible to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament **tomorrow** as we pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. **Also, please try to attend the Holy Hour for vocations tomorrow night at Sacred Heart Church at 7:00PM.** We will also be praying the prayer for vocations **every Sunday before the closing prayer of Mass.**

We come to the end of the Christmas season, but let us begin the true work of Christmas that comes with being baptized in the name of Christ:

**When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home; when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, To rebuild the nation; To bring peace among brothers and sisters; To make music in the heart. God bless each of you. Let the work of Christmas continue throughout this New Year of 2009!**

Father Bier

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas collection. If you were away for Christmas, you can place your Christmas gift in the collection basket at your earliest convenience. God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 PM: Sarah Bretz
- 8:00 AM: Billy Green – Nicole Surman
- 10:30 AM: Evan Smith – Leah Blair

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church including relief and resettlement services, peacemaking and development programs to improve living conditions. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend (Jan. 17-18) will be for this effort. Please be generous.** Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to hear the voices of visiting choirs on **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at Sacred Heart Church.** Refreshments will follow.



Family of St. Augustine Parishioners who have been enrolled in the St. Monica Society will be remembered in Mass on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:30 AM, especially those recently enrolled:

- Craig Honyara requested Connie Hunt
- Joseph & Mary Benkovich requested by Eleanor & Jr.
- The Grabowski Family requested by Eleanor
- Alzbeta Evan requested by Eleanor & Jr.



"HEARTS 4 JESUS"  
YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

**KIDS – KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!  
FOR ALL JUNIOR HIGH KIDS**  
7PM – 8:30PM – Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup> (Valentine Cookie Bakeoff).

**FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**  
Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)  
January 16<sup>th</sup> H. S. Coffee House Social (8PM-11:00PM), February 1<sup>st</sup>, (5 Keys to healthy friendships 7PM-8:30PM)  
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For more information or to volunteer in any capacity, call Vanessa at 610-272-4088, ext. 5.

*Youth & Young Adult Opportunities*



"Youth for the Eucharist" – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Titus Church, East Norriton, PA. 7:00 - 9:00PM. Prayer & Praise, Adoration & Confession. Keep up to date on the latest by visiting [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org)

**HEED THE CALL**

Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to **HEED THE CALL** of Jesus Christ.

Are you between the ages of 16 and 24? Have you ever thought about being a priest? Does the thought interest you? **HEED THE CALL**. Come and join others for a weekend **March 27, 28 & 29** at St. Charles Seminary to explore the call. For more information, call **610-667-5778** or visit our website [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org). Registration is required.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

*Generous hearts change the world. Be generous to Jesus. Consider the Priesthood.*



**SCHEDULE**

*Feas*

*t of the Lord's Baptism*

- Sun. Jan. 11 CCD – 9AM  
Parent's 1<sup>st</sup> Penance Mtg. – 9AM  
Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart – 2PM
- Mon. Jan. 12 ALL DAY EXPOSITION FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
Mass at Manor Care – 2:30PM  
Holy Hour for Vocations at Sacred Heart Church – 7:00PM  
Cantor/Organist Mtg. – 7:00PM
- Wed. Jan. 14 Exposition – 8AM - Noon  
Pro-Life Rosary – 10AM in front of Bryn Mawr Hospital  
Pro-Life Rosary – 6:00PM – Sacred Heart Church
- Sat. Jan. 17 Confessions – 4:00PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Relief
- Sun. Jan. 18 CCD – 9AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Relief  
Liturgy Mtg. – after 10:30 Mass  
Jr. High Youth Night – 7:00PM  
Youth Hall

*Welcome*

We welcome into our parish family **Bailey Madison Witiak and Quinn Morgan Witiak**, the twin daughters of Peter & Tamara Witiak who were baptized on December 28, 2008. May God bless you and your family with His many graces!

**LADIES GUILD HOLIDAY RAFFLE**

Winners

- 15" T.V. - Angela Gear
- Lottery Tree – Sharon Barboni
- Lottery Wreath – Lisa Leister

**FLU SEASON**

The flu season is once again upon us. We respectfully suggest that you use prudent judgment concerning shaking hands at the Sign of Peace during the flu season. Respect the choice of the people around you if they do not shake hands.

## LITURGY MEETING

All members of the Liturgy committee are reminded that our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Ministry wing immediately following the 10:30AM Mass.

## BAPTISM CLASS

The next Pre-Jordan class for expectant parents and godparents will be held on **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM** in the Ministry wing of the rectory. If you are planning to attend, please call the rectory by **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** to register. Do not wait until your child is born to attend this instruction. Thank you.

## OUR LADY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

You can purchase a brick to be placed in our Memorial Garden in memory of a deceased loved one or to commemorate an anniversary or a special occasion in the life of your family. Contact the rectory to make arrangements.

## ATTENTION – HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES

On **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30PM**, Cardinal Justin Rigali is schedule to celebrate Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Immaculate Conception Chapel for all Homeschooling Families. Please come and participate in the celebration of this vocation. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact **Peter Vink at 610-942-4286**.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Retreat for Healing after Abortion on **February 20-22**. The retreat will be held in Doylestown, PA. For more information, call Susan Fetta at 267-880-3631. Read more about it online at [www.rachesvineyard.org](http://www.rachesvineyard.org). All requests are strictly confidential.

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# The Year of St. Paul

June, 2008 – June, 2009



During this Jubilee year marking the 2,000<sup>th</sup> birthday of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI believes that we need to look back at our origins – our foundation – to inspire us, to re-energize our culture with Christianity because of secularism and a sense of loss of evangelization with the Church and the world. There is boldness to St. Paul's proclamation of the Gospel.

**All parishioners are invited to discover St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, by participating in our five-week adult faith formation seminar.** We will examine the life of Paul, his theology and its influence on the Church and the relevance his writings have for us today. You will come away from the experience with a profoundly deeper understanding and appreciation of Paul and his importance to the Catholic Faith.

### The seminar topics are:

- Week 1: February 17<sup>th</sup> – Who was St. Paul?**
- Week 2: February 24<sup>th</sup> – Paul's Theology (Part 1)**
- Week 3: March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul's Theology (Part 2)**
- Week 4: March 24<sup>th</sup> – Paul & the Sacraments (1)**
- Week 5: March 31<sup>st</sup> – Paul & the Sacraments (2)**

**Time:** 7:00PM – 8:30PM

**Place:** The location will depend on the number of people who register. The seminar will be held either in the ministry wing or in St. Monica's Hall.

\*\* You may not be able to attend every seminar, however, **do not let this deter you**. Please register by **February 10<sup>th</sup>** so we can make the necessary arrangements. Thank you.

### Year of St. Paul Seminar

**Father Bier:**

**I/We will be attending the Seminar on St. Paul**

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the rectory by February 10<sup>th</sup>*

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