

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The Epiphany of the Lord

Called to be a Star!

The Magi were in search of Jesus the King of kings but never would have found him had they not first discovered the "Star of Bethlehem". In other words, the star got their attention but refused to be their destination. There is much that we can learn from the Star of Bethlehem!

As Christians, we have for centuries constructed great shrines and cathedrals and formed great choirs to reflect and honor the majesty of God for the eyes, ears, and hearts of the faithful and the faithless alike. We have produced learned theologians, devout religious, inspired preachers and courageous leaders who have drawn people from all walks of life into the same church to worship and seek enlightenment together. We have the saints- heroes and heroines of virtue- whose lives still inspire others to pursue the path that led them to the glory of heaven. As a parish we offer our time, our talent, and our treasure generously, and without any expectation of repayment, to those in need locally, nationally and internationally! The Church in fact is the largest charitable organization on the planet. Like a star, we are a light that cannot go unnoticed when the night is at its darkest. Jesus put it this way: "You are the light of the world.... Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds..." (Matthew 5:14, 16a). Like a star, we will draw people's attention, curiosity, fascination and sometimes appreciation when they see our "good deeds" shining forth from us.

But like the Star of Bethlehem, we must be lights that bring others illumination, while being very clear that we are not their destination! To finish the quote from Jesus; "... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Unlike those who seek worldly "stardom", we are stars who seek to lead others to the Light of the World, not ourselves. We want our lives to bring glory to God in the Highest; not praise and applause for our egos. The Star of Bethlehem was no ordinary star, and following the path of the Gospel is no ordinary life. Just as the Magi needed the illumination of the star to get them to the Christ Child, so do people in our day need YOU and your extra-ordinary witness of faith, hope and selfless service to lead them on the path of a life-changing destination that alone will lead them to salvation: Jesus Christ. To Him be all the glory and the honor, forever and ever. Amen!

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Sunday, January 6, 2018

Scripture Readings

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2: 1-12

The Baptism of The Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	7	Carol Young	-Living
Tues	Jan	8	Donald Jenkins	-Deceased
Wed	Jan	9	Ryan Brooks	-Living
Thurs	Jan	10	Roland Mc Dowell	-Deceased
Fri	Jan	11	Florence Matthews	-Living

Attendance



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday in the School Cafeteria at 7:00pm.



Save the Date

MINISTRY THAN YOU PARTY

Saturday January 12, 2019

The Thank You Party for volunteers is held annual to say than you to the many volunteers in all ministries. The party will be held in the school cafeteria from 6pm to 9pm.



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦ ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN #9670



The Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday Second collection is for our Parish School. NEXT Sunday's Second Collection is for our Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Augustine School Love to Learn; Learn to Love

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2018-2019 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Raven Wilkins, Director of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org.



Check out our School's 2018 video on our school landing page at www.staug-dc.org or by searching "St. Augustine Catholic School DC" on YouTube. Thank you!



SUPPORT SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL
Students will be selling candy after each Mass. The candy is \$1.00 a bar.



From our Pastor on The Christmas Collection:

Just a reminder to be EXTRA generous this Christmas with your Christmas Envelope this month! For those who are wage earners, if you are able, please consider giving at least a \$100 contribution. As always, your generosity makes it possible for us as a parish to bear witness to the extraordinary generosity of God toward those most in need around us. Thank you for this witness of faith...and for your great generosity!

- Fr. Pat Smith



Share Share packages for the month of January are on sale at the Ushers' Table

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

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| Gwendolyn Adams | Robert Greenfield | Eileen Ogu |
| John Adams, Sr. | Frances Gulston | Harriet Parker |
| Beatrice Alexander | Grace Hansberry | Gunny David Pauley |
| Francis Arnold | Brian Harvey | Cecilia Pendero |
| Ronald Ausbrooks | Michelle Harvey | Audrey Plaskett |
| William Barksdale | John Harris | Rhoda Pounds |
| Althea Black | Patricia Herndon | Theresa Purcell |
| Frances Brook | Albert Hill | Gladys Quarells |
| Norma Brown | Emily Hill | Tracey Quarells |
| Williams Burgan | Jeanne Hinckley | Joan Rocio |
| Andrew Burton | Deborah Jackson | Ashley Redhead, Jr. |
| Angela Callaghan | Charles Jackson | Inez Robinson |
| Marguerite Carroll | Marlene Jackson | Isidro Rodriguez |
| Phillip Cephas | Malcolm Jamison | Ruth Robinson |
| Billy Chesley | Eleanor Johnson | Lisa Rivera |
| Delores Chisley | Paul Joy | Gertina Simms |
| Alice Clair | Robert Judon | Alise Simmons |
| Ollie Mae Clark | Sandra Kimbell | Mary Smith |
| Vincent Michael Clarke | Benjamin Kilgore | Donnie Stewart |
| Ernestine Coghill Howard | Keats Labule | Don Strong |
| Emy-Lou Daley | Raymond Lane | Mary Helen Swann |
| Pauline Dines | Louisa Lee | Juanita Towns |
| Theola Douglas | Mary Leonard | Hayden Vaughn |
| Susan Epps | Elnora Lindsey | Lillian Vaughn |
| Roberta Fancher | Rev. Malanga | Terry Vaughn |
| Barbara Ferguson | Bernadette Mahoney | Shirley Ward |
| Julie Fish | Lita Majors | Betty Washington |
| Toni Fisher | Florence Matthews | Elliot Weaver |
| Richard B. Fowler | Floyd McCrory | Cynthia Wilkins |
| Daniel Galloway | James McNamara | Bernice Williams |
| Cathryn Gartmann | Will Miller | Kirk Williams |
| Charles Gathers | Sylvia Monroe | Teresa Wilkinson |
| Rev Bob Gilliam | Arnetia Montague | Lozzie York |
| Shirley Goodall | Renata Montague | |
| Irving Goodall | Evelyn Morgan | |
| Butler Grant | Alpha Nacnas | |
| Rev Charles Green | Julius Oben | |
| Teresito Green | Colelle Ogbey | |

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990

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