

December 16, 2018

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 9am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
and 12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9am Mass

Monday-Friday: 8am, 11am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays: 11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday: 4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: www.annunciationdc.org, in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

CONFIRMATION: "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

We are now more than half way through Advent. The celebration of our Savior's birth is fast approaching and we are rejoicing! Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is when we proclaim great rejoicing for our salvation is near. When the people heard John the Baptist's preaching regarding the coming Messiah, they look for what they should do to prepare. Have we asked the same question for ourselves? Have we truly taken to heart that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and do we act accordingly? Each of us who have been baptized are filled with the Holy Spirit and are striving to live in response to the Lord's call to serve others and not live solely for ourselves. It can be very challenging to do this, but we do not have to rely our own strength and abilities. We have the Lord with us. Please make some time to celebrate the sacrament of confession in the next week and a half. Know that the Lord made his time open to you. It is also a time to invite a family member or friend to join you at one of the countless Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese. At Annunciation we have Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 9:00pm and on Christmas Day at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

Come to a Christmas Concert this Sunday evening at 5:30 PM, in church and the parish center to support young people who are preparing to go to World Youth Day in Panama.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike



2018 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24th

4pm Children's Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Mass

8:20pm Christmas Music

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25th

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm



FATHER BRICE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Father Donald Brice, who served as our Parochial Vicar from 1993 to 2008, will celebrate his 60th anniversary as a priest on Thursday, December 20th at the 11:00am Mass. A light reception will follow. All are invited.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

December 23rd

Homelessness

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

Patrick T. Hand
ATTORNEY AT LAW

SAINT OF THE WEEK



DOMINIC OF SILOS

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FEAST DECEMBER 20

As a youth Dominic tended sheep on the foothills of the Pyrenees where he learned to appreciate solitude. He then pursued the quiet life as a monk. Dominic became the prior of his monastery, but was forced to flee by the king of Navarre, who intended to seize the monastery's land. The monastery of St. Sebastian at Silos welcomed him. There as prior, Dominic conducted a successful program of spiritual and material renewal. The Dominicans especially honor him. For a century after Dominic's death, Blessed Joan of Aza visited his tomb. There she had a vision promising her that she would have another son. When the child was born she named him Dominic and he became he founder of the Dominican Order.

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 16 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Yoralbert Gomez Duran	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Michael Passaro	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Creusa DaSilva	In Memory

Monday, December 17 – *Monday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Hector E. Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Captain John Graziano, USAF	In Memory

Tuesday, December 18 – *Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Nichole Hamon	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eric Rohleder	In Memory

Wednesday, December 19 – *Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	James Muscatello	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lucy Cavallo	In Memory

Thursday, December 20 – *Thursday of the Third Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Leo Ribuffo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Randy Bevins	In Memory

Friday, December 21 – *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Irene & Henry Flinn	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Robert Kohn	In Memory

Saturday, December 22 – *Saturday of the Third Week of Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Pete Paulucci	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Wakefield	Eugene & Pauline McMahon	In Memory

Sunday, December 23 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Panke	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Sergio Pavia	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Wakefield	Manolo Ortega	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

THIS WEEK ...

12/16 Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word — 9:00am (PC) Cup of Joe — 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun — 9:30am (PC) Baptism — 11:30am (Church) Broken Bonds Christmas Concert — 5:30pm (PC)
12/18 Tuesday	Adult Bible Study — 11:30am (PC)
12/19 Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Church) Adult Faith Formation — 7:00pm (PC) Religious Education — 7:00pm (School & Gym)
12/20 Thursday	Fr. Brice's 60th Anniversary Mass — 11:00am (Church) Contemplative Prayer — 6:25pm (CR) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
12/22 Saturday	Christmas Pageant Practice — 10:00am (Church) Baptism — 12:00pm (Church)



POINSETTIAS

Each year during Christmas Season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias donated by parishioners, in memory of family, friends, and loved ones. If you wish to join with us in this memorial gesture, please use the envelopes included in your December envelope packet or use the envelopes in the back of the church so your name and your intention's name may be listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASS

Once again we are preparing for our annual children's Christmas Pageant Mass which will be on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th at 4:00pm. Children ages four and up are cordially invited to participate in the retelling of the birth of Jesus. Practice will be held on Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to register your child.



ADVENT WREATH

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES — THIRD WEEK

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



CHRISTMAS TREES

Help support Annunciation Catholic Church by purchasing a Christmas tree from Dan & Bryan on our grounds on Massachusetts Avenue. Trees will be available until December 20th from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Those interested in volunteering may sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or call the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

BLOOD DRIVE



Our CIA teen group will be sponsoring a blood drive. Right now we need 50 people to sign-up and commit so that we could get the Bloodmobile here. Please consider giving the gift of life! Baby-sitting will be available the day of the drive. See the flyer for details.

JOIN THE CIA!

We hear the need for students who need Community Service Hours. So all High School, 7th & 8th grades are invited to participate! **Come join the CIA!** Students are not obligated to participate in all the events listed. Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohse.com or Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to get on our email list. Parent drivers/chaperones welcome! A page on our website is in the works! Dates and times can be found on our parish website google calendar.



December Events

December 22, 2018 — IONA

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate an arrangement, the suggested donation is \$50 per arrangement (maximum of four arrangements.) The deadline for dedicating flowers is the Sunday before the desired weekend. If you would like to donate flowers please contact Patrice Morace at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org.

2018 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF



Jane Dell'Amore
Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Rotondi
Dr. Leonard J. Rontondi
Ronald Smith

John & Linda Dempsey
William E. Dempsey

William & Leila Maksymiec
Eileen Maksymiec

Mr. & Mrs. Michael May
Irma Cajina
Marta Florentino
Jeanne & Cresto May
Julio Pardo
Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thomas Neale
Michael Kulak
Valerie Lamont

Mr. & Mrs. John Nemeyer
Don & Mary Nemeyer
Peg & Laurie Turner



Maria Noordermeer
Maria Liau
Ria Nacinovic
Jeff Noordermeer

Mrs. Aram Normandin
Dr. & Mrs. E.L. Sharpe & Family

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Ann Young Pontiere

Dorothy Rayfield
Wilma Knapp
John & Margaret Mary Lesso
Martin & Fran Rayfield

Christine Rudy
Onufrak/Rudy Families
Mordini/Rukavina Families

Peter Treibley
Louise Tanzillo
Mr. & Mrs. William Treibley
Letha Crickenberger
Mr. & Mrs. Denny Tomlinson

Mrs. Angelika Zaia
Anthony T. Zaia

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with Annunciation Volunteers!
Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service Chair** if you have any questions: twkeenan6@gmail.com or 847-902-1405. Upcoming service events will be posted on FB/AnnunciationDCYA.

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website www.annunciationdc.org

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." *Luke 3:16*

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WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

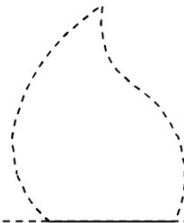
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

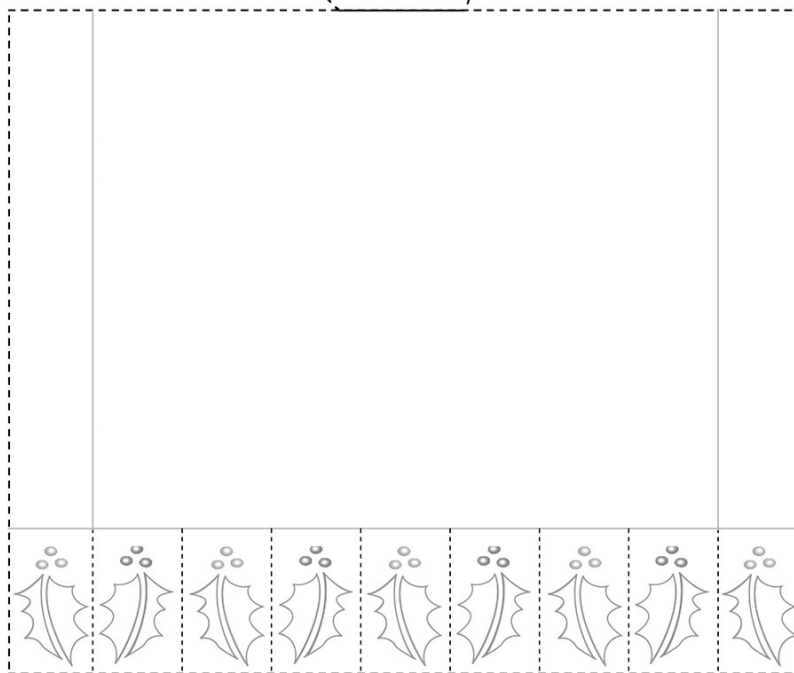


ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PINK →

FOLD →

COLOR GREEN →



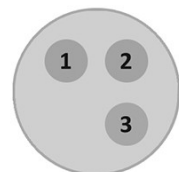
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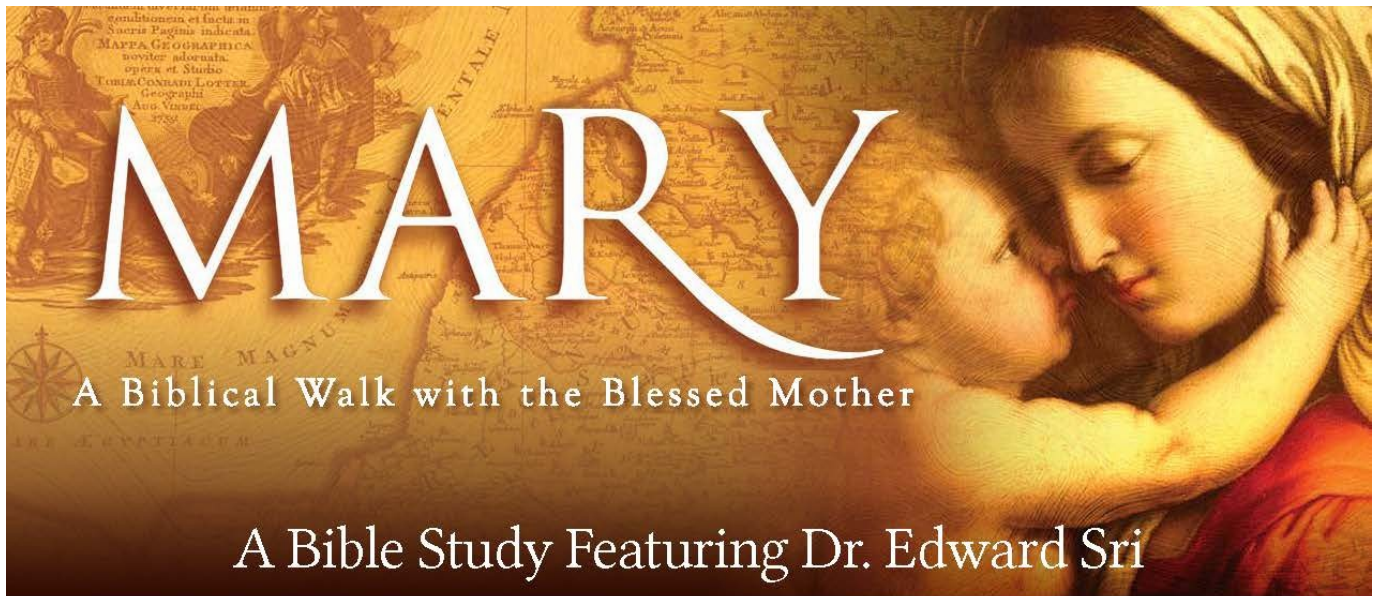


*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

CUT BASE ↑

WEEK 3 Cut, color and fold our third advent candle - tape or glue this pink candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first two candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





Join us on Tuesday's For Lunch & Learn

Parish Center
11:30am
Beginning December 4

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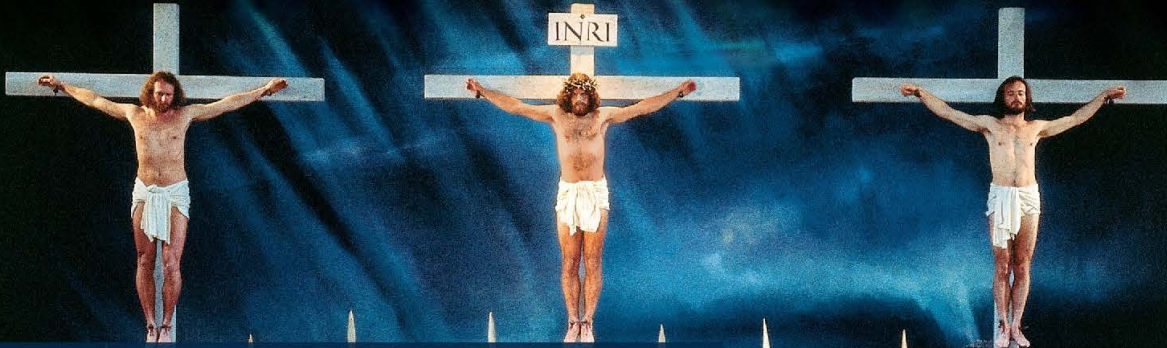
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