

December 2, 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
appointment*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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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,

Blessings on this First Sunday of Advent. What joy it brings to prepare to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. As we begin the new Liturgical year, our Mass readings will be taken from Year C on Sundays and Year 1 on weekdays. The first words we hear from Sacred Scripture, this Sunday, come from the Prophet Jeremiah. They are words full of hope and the coming of Justice. The second reading from Thessalonians are words of encouragement on how to live so as to please God. Then we are met with the words of Jesus who tells us to be ready for the day of the Lord. Our God will come to bring to himself all those who are filled with the grace of faithfulness in fulfillment of his promises.



On December 16th at 5:30 PM, in the Church and Parish Center, we will have a Christmas Concert by a group of young people and one or two priests, who are raising funds to send young people to Panama, for World Youth Day in January. This group is from the Neo-Catechumenal Way and they are filled with the Spirit of God as they walk the way to His eternal kingdom. There will be a mixture of sacred and secular Christmas music. You will also have an opportunity to purchase items that are designed and made by the communities of the Way. Please come out to support them and enjoy an evening of lively and entertaining music, prayer and fun.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

THANK YOU CHRISTMAS BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS!



We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who made this year's Christmas Bazaar a success. You are a blessing to the Annunciation community. Thank you for your time, effort, hard work, and prayers! You made it possible to raise over \$18,000 to support our outreach to the homeless and hungry.

Thank you for a job well done and may God bless you all, Father Mike and Tina Lindberg.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.



In Loving Memory

UPCOMING FUNERAL

December 8, 2018 — 2:00pm

Joan Challinor



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 9th

Retirement for Religious

POOR BOX

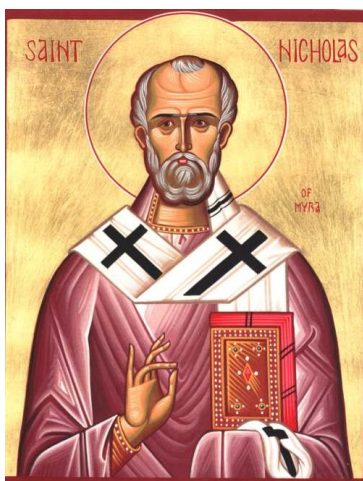
Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



Tom McGlynn, Realtor

SAINT OF THE WEEK



NICHOLAS

Fourth Century

FEAST DECEMBER 6

From the ninth century in the East and the 11th century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and art, and the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches and cities. He was bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). According to folklore, he saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three murdered children hidden in a brine-tub or saved from death three unjustly condemned men. There is no evidence that he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 or suffered persecution for his faith. "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch form of his name: "Sinte Klaas."

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 2 – *First Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Hector E. & Rosita A. deFalla	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Gilbert Rodriquez	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Wakefield	Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber	In Memory

Monday, December 3 – *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maria Lourido	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Gladys Elena Miller	In Memory

Tuesday, December 4 – *Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Marilyn Panke	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Corinne Remy & Family	Intentions

Wednesday, December 5 – *Wednesday of the First Week of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Eliseo DaRosa	In Memory

Thursday, December 6 – *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Helen Fleming	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Alice Castro	In Memory

Friday, December 7 – *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber	In Memory

Saturday, December 8 – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Anna Dorsey	In Memory
11:00a.m.	Mellone	Clara Sergeant Vega	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Lockman	Anthony Chrysakis	In Memory

Sunday, December 9 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Wakefield	Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Wakefield	Lucy Cavallo	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Mellone	Suzie Solesbee Chandler	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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Masses

9:00am & 11:00am

The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. However, for centuries Catholics had believed in Mary's exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary's birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.



ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. (from www.usccb.org)



A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

FIRST WEEK

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)

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.

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.

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

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@lohsen.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 2, 2018 — Winter Warmth (Friendship House)

December 8, 2018 — Mulholland — St. Francis

December 15, 2018 — Teen Christmas Party

December 22, 2018 — IONA

YOUNG AT HEART EVENTS

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

We'll have a private guided tour of the Heurich House Museum, also known as the Christian Heurich Museum or Brewmasters Castle, a guilded -age mansion in Dupont Circle. If interested email Eleanore Moretti at emm02@rcn.com for details and to make a reservation.



Wednesday, December 12, 2018

We'll celebrate the Christmas season at our Holiday Luncheon following the 11am Mass. Please RSVP to Stephanie at parish@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 by December 7th.



THIS WEEK ...

12/2	Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word — 9:00am (PC) Faith Fun — 9:30am (PC) Breakfast with Santa — 10:00am (PC)
12/4	Tuesday	Adult Bible Study — 11:30am (PC)
12/5	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Church) Adult Faith Formation — 7:00pm (PC) Religious Education Sessions — 7:00pm (School & Gym)
12/6	Thursday	Contemplative Prayer — 6:25pm (CR) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
12/8	Saturday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> — Masses 9am & 11am Funeral (Joan Challinor) — 2:00pm (Church)

THE ANNUNCIATION 2018 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Annunciation Christmas Project will benefit our sister parish Holy Redeemer, and Friendship Place. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from: CVS, GIANT, SAFEWAY, TARGET or WALMART.

Gift cards or monetary contributions can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets in an envelope marked CHRISTMAS PROJECT. Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "CHRISTMAS PROJECT" in the memo line.

DONATIONS DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018.

Thank you for your generous support.



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. Practices will be held on Saturday, December 15th and Saturday, December 22nd from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church. Email Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org to register your child.



ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, December 2nd after the 9am and 10:30am Masses for a warm pancake breakfast, holiday songs and kids activities and crafts, including pictures with Santa Claus! Tickets are \$10 per person. Kids receive a Santa Picture free with ticket purchase. All proceeds go to help support Annunciation Catholic School's overhead and maintenance.

Bring a friend - Hope to see you there!



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.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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



ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE →

FOLD →

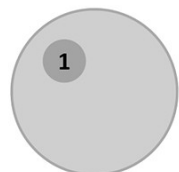
COLOR GREEN →

CUT BASE ↑

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE ←



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*



WEEK 1 Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



Blood Drive **Annunciation Catholic Church**

Bloodmobile
3810 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016

Sunday, January 13, 2019
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

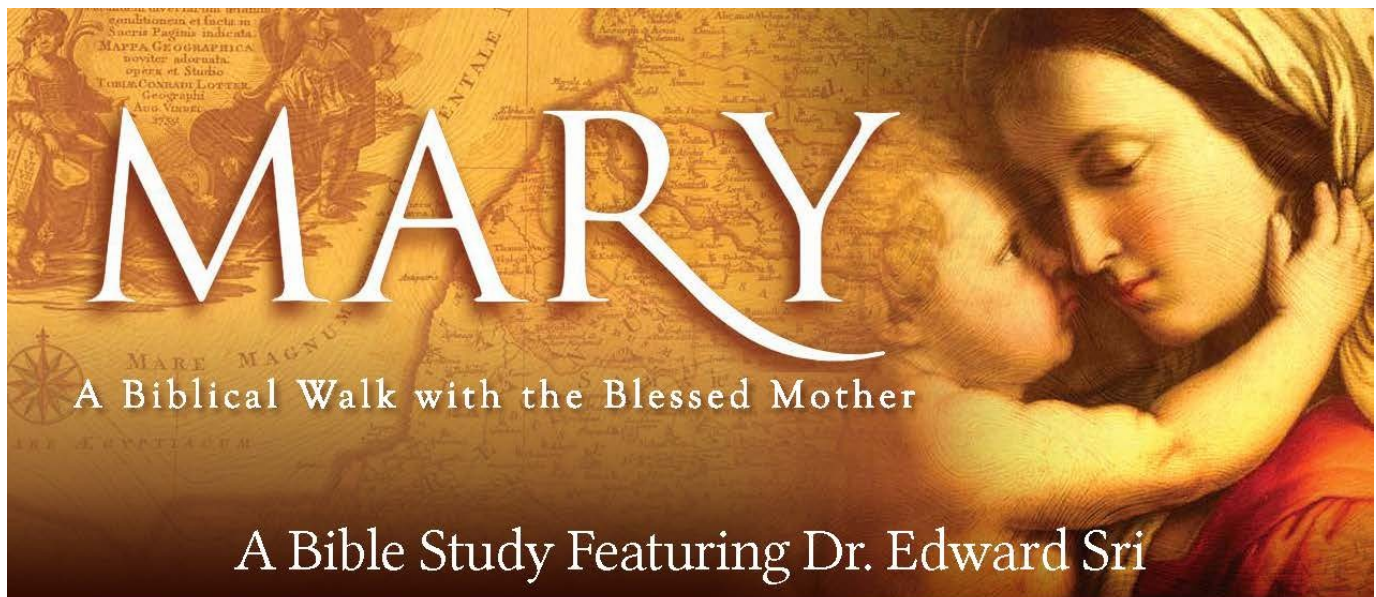
To sign up, please go to www.redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor keyword: "Annunciation" or contact Patrice Morace at morace@annunciationdc.org or 202.362.3323 ext 13.

For donor eligibility questions, please call 1-866-236-3276

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Join us on Tuesday's For Lunch & Learn

Parish Center
11:30am
Beginning December 4

Questions: Contact Patrice Morace
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Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows.

You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. **Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.**

In *Mary* you will:

- Visit the grotto of Mary's home, the cave where Christ was born, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.



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—John W.



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WINTER CLOTHING DONATION & HOT MEAL DRIVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Washington Hebrew Congregation
3935 Macomb Street, NW

SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd | 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

No Children's
Clothing,
Please

PLEASE DONATE to help our homeless neighbors! We are collecting new or gently used winter essentials in dignity condition coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots. In addition we're collecting brand new in unopened packages, long-underwear, thermals and socks. Greatest need of sizes: L, XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL.

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION ON:

- Monday, Nov. 26th: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 27th: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 28th: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Thursday, Nov. 29th: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Friday, Nov. 30th: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Saturday, Dec. 1st: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To volunteer at the event or for more information contact:

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