

December 22, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday
8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday
11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm
*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

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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.

VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are in need of more Eucharistic ministers to make home visits. A number of our parishioners are home-bound and would like to receive Communion weekly. Help us reach out to our neighbors in need. Share the gift of the Eucharist and community. Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

FLOCKNOTES



Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone> or on our website – www.annunciationdc.org. Please be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As the time of Christmas quickly approaches we may find ourselves rushing about to do many things and may be even frustrated that things do not happen as quickly as we would like. This morning I was given this lesson by being placed on hold with a credit card company in several departments for over an hour. They did not have my correct birthdate in one of their profiles. I was asked if I could have had another birthdate. After I stopped laughing I was put on hold again. Even though we do not know the exact date of Jesus' birthday, we have for centuries celebrated it on December 25th. Some say that date was chosen because around that time of the year the hours of sunlight are longer, at least in the Northern hemisphere, and Jesus is the conquering Son of God.



Let us pray that He will conquer the darkness of sin in our lives and give us the grace to do His will. The Christmas Season will last from Christmas Eve until January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord. Let this blessed Season envelop you with the warmth of the Savior's love and His joy at your birth, whatever day it may be.

God's Peace be with you and all those you cherish and may you share His love with all.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mike

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE

This year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 22 at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Bambinelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave NE, offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call (202) 526-8300.



FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S FAITH FUN & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will not meet on December 29, 2019. They will resume on January 5, 2020.



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 29

Church Utilities

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

Andrea Rosales
SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



HOLY INNOCENTS

First Century

FEAST DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents are the boys of Bethlehem put to death by King Herod the Great after the Magi from the East visited the baby Jesus, then left for home without stopping in Jerusalem to give Herod news about “the newborn king of the Jews.” This slaughter is related in the second chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, but is not mentioned by other sources, including the Jewish historian Josephus. Estimates of the number killed range from 10 or 12, based on the likely population of Bethlehem at the time of Christ’s birth, to 64,000, a fantastic figure cited in the Syrian liturgy. This feast has been celebrated in the West since the fifth century; the Holy Innocents are the patrons of foundlings.

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 22 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Ross Odorisio	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Fran Freeman	In Memory

Monday, December 23 – *Saint John of Kanty; Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Maria Luisa Acosta vda. de Muñoz	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Catherine Gleason Powers	In Memory

Tuesday, December 24 – *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Carl Hobelman	In Memory
4:00 p.m.	Berard	Brian Nett	In Memory
6:00 p.m.	Antonicelli	King & Rockelli Families	In Memory
9:00 p.m.	Mellone	Gerilyn Rolph	In Memory

Wednesday, December 25 – *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Loreto Basa	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Barbara A. King	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Antonicelli	Carla Rockelli	In Memory

Thursday, December 26 – *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Susan Medgvesi-Mitschang	In Memory
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Friday, December 27 – *Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist*

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Sister Virginia Dunn	In Memory
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Saturday, December 28 – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Catalina Rivera Lugo	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Robert Brewer	In Memory

Sunday, December 29 – *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Michael Uhlmann	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Karl Siegfriedt	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Jorge Grimm	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions

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.

2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

Monday, December 23rd

7:00pm — 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th

4pm Children's Mass with Pageant

6:00pm Mass

8:20pm Christmas Music

9:00pm Mass



CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

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

OFFICE CLOSED

December 24th — December 27th

MASS (December 26th — December 31st)

One Daily Mass at 9:00am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Vigil — Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 1st at 8:00am & 10:30am

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 22

CLOW

9:00am (PC)

Faith Fun

9:30am (PC)

Monday, December 23

Baptism

3:00pm (Church)

Tuesday, December 24

Daily Mass

9:00am (Church)

Wednesday, December 25

NO Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 26

Daily Mass

9:00am (Church)

Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm (Church)

Friday, December 27

Daily Mass

9:00am (Church)

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Annunciation Parish Office will be closed from December 24, 2019 thru December 27, 2019. Have a blessed Christmas!

ADVENT WREATH

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH CANDLES — FOURTH WEEK

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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

2019 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF



Josephine Allies
Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri

Mary Lynne Bebee
Charles & Julia Zigmont

Clarita V. Buensuceso
Juan Buensuceso
Felipa Victorino

Barbara DellaPorta
The DellaPorta Family
The Czyzyk Family
The Rehm Family

Francix & Kathryn Dzubeck
The Dzubeck Family
The Smith Family

Henry Flynn
Martha & Henry Flynn, Sr.

Diana Gregg
Thomas Gregg

Karen Haughney
Patrick Haughney

Patricia Kennard
William & Jeanne Cassidy

Barbara Knollmann
Wolfgang Ritschel
Gerda Ritschel



Cornelia Meder
Louise Lee Macek

William & Leila Maksymiec
Eileen Maksymiec

Deborah Martin
Ted Gessner

Thomas Neale
Monsignor V. James Lockman

Maria Noordermeer
Maria Liau
Jeff Noordermeer

Mrs. Aram Normandin
The Sharpe Family

Susan O'Mara
Charles Joseph O'Mara

Laura Ogden
Giovanna Fartoni

Abril Rivera
Abuelita Katy Funes

Claudia Solano
Betty Herrador



Barbara Swanson
Len Swanson

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

James E. Ward
The Ward Family
The Neumann Family
The Hood Family
The Otoo Family
The McCoulagh Family
The Johnson Family

Gretchen Wessel
Dr. & Mrs. Carl Wessel
All Deceased Members of the
Wessel Family

Mrs. Angelika Zaia
Anthony T. Zaia

Anna Zakarija
Zakarija Family
Pairan Family
Lucchese Family

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent / Matthew 1:18-24

The angel spoke to Joseph in a dream saying, "Through the Holy Spirit Mary will bear a son and you will name Him Jesus." Joseph was a good and righteous man and obeyed God's message taking his wife Mary into his home.

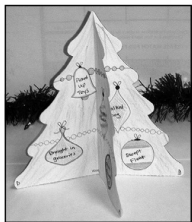
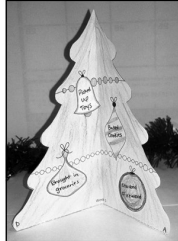
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

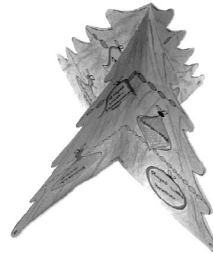
Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

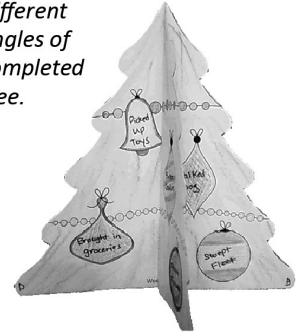
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

