

November 27, 2016

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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

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm

Saturday: 4:15-5:15pm

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

THIS WEEK ...

11/27	Sunday	Faith Fun —9:30am (Parish Center)
11/30	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration—11:30am (Chapel)
12/1	Thursday	RCIA—7pm (Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal —7:30pm (Church)
12/2	Friday	CP1 & CP2—6:30pm (Parish Center)
12/3	Saturday	Advent Morning of Reflection - 9:30am (Church)

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PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

Monday Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

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

Wednesday Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

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

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

First Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

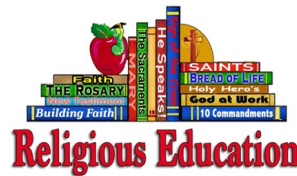
ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

An Advent Morning of Reflection will take place in the church on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30am—10:30am.

There will be Exposition and a short talk by Father Rob after the 9am Mass. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour. The morning will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Wednesday evening sessions resume on Wednesday, November 30th for a group Advent lesson in the Parish Center.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANKS!



I would like to thank all the volunteers who generously gave of their time, treasure, and talent to make this year's Christmas Bazaar a wonderful success!

Let's do it again next year!

Tina Lindberg

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

The Oscar-winning film *A Man for All Seasons*, which depicts the life and martyrdom of Thomas More, will be shown at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at 3900 Harewood Road, NE in Washington, D.C., on December 3 at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards followed by a lecture. Dr. Bryan Berry, a scholar on Thomas More, will speak on Thomas More's duty as Lord Chancellor of England to defend the Catholic faith against heresies and on the movie's portrayal of More's public witness to the truths of the faith.

For more information about the movie and lecture, please visit www.jp2shrine.org. Admission is free but registration is required at www.manforallseasons.eventbrite.com. The original exhibition *God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More* continues at the Saint John Paul II Shrine through March 31, 2017.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL
SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

Sunday, December 25, 2016

12:15pm—2:30pm

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. More than one thousand Christmas dinners are served each year in the National Shrine Cafeteria and another thousand are delivered to shut-ins.

Volunteers are needed to fill many different positions. If you are able to help out, either at the Basilica or by delivering meals, visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

If you have questions, before the event please e-mail visitorservices@bnsic.org. You can also call 202-526-8300, ext. 111.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Francis Xavier

1506-1552

FEAST December 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

—CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27 – *First Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Langlois	Dr. Eduardo Brito-Mieles	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Maro	William E. Cassidy	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Panke	Charles Scott	In Memory

Monday, November 28 – *Monday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	All Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	All Souls	In Memory

Tuesday, November 29 – *Tuesday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	All Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	All Souls	In Memory

Wednesday, November 30 – *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	All Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	All Souls	In Memory

Thursday, December 1 – *Thursday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Heloisa Sabin	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Edward Morace	In Memory

Friday, December 2 – *Friday of the First Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Hector & Rosita Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Deacon Eugene J. Cummins, Jr.	In Memory

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

9:00 a.m.	Maro	Alfred Barbieri	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Lockman	Deceased Members of the Towers	In Memory

Sunday, December 4 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Keeler	Heloisa Sabin	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Hall	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Maro	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Carlos Basterra	In Memory

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or living in care facilities.

If you or a loved one would like a visit at home, in the hospital or in a care facility please contact Sister Kathleen Griffin at 202-362-3323 x22 or griffin@annunciationdc.org

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 call or email the office to make arrangements so your name and your intention's name may be listed in the bulletin. Suggested donation is \$25 per pot.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our Children's Christmas Pageant & Mass is on December 24 at 3pm. If your child, aged 3 on up would like to participate in our reenactment of the first Christmas please contact Patrice Morace at [202.362.3323 ext 13](tel:202.362.3323) or morace@annunciationdc.org. Older children or parents are needed to narrate. Practices are on Saturday's December 10 & 17 from 10:00am to 11:00 am in Church.

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



SAVE THE DATE

December 4th, 2016

Join us in the Parish Center 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!



NEED A CHRISTMAS TREE?

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



POPE'S CORNER

ON A PILGRIMAGE

On the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. But where are we journeying? Is there a common goal? And what is this goal? ...

[Jesus] is both guide and goal of our pilgrimage, of the pilgrimage of the entire People of God; and in his light the other peoples may also walk toward the kingdom of justice, toward the kingdom of peace.

- Angelus, December 1, 2013

Reflection: This Advent, go on a pilgrimage with Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you make goals and to be your guide. How often will you pray? What practical steps will you take? Build the kingdom of justice with him.



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 4th: School

POOR BOX

Donations for the month of November will benefit the Father McKenna Center to help families struggling with poverty and men facing homelessness.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

2016 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

GIVING IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

This year the Social Concerns Committee 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 Rectory (Sr. Kathleen Griffin) 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 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016



Would you like to receive Monsignor Antonicelli's weekly email? Simply send an email to pastor@annunciationdc.org to sign up.

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)



Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family .

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9](#): (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **R/.** Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES with
Annunciation Volunteers!
Contact **Tom Keenan, YA Service
Chair** if you have any questions:
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847-902-1405 . Upcoming service
events will be posted on FB/
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PRAYER REQUEST FRIDAY:
Pray Wherever You Are @ 3pm.
Get your Friday Prayer Reminder
on email & FB - post your prayers
and we'll pray for you!

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