

# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 11, 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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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6A, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

### SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

## THIS WEEK ...

12/11	Sunday	Faith Fun — 9:30am (Parish Center) Children's Recital — 10am (Parish Center) Social Ministry Meeting — 10:30am (Conference Room)
12/13	Tuesday	Square Dancing — 6:30pm (Parish Center) Baptism Class — 7pm (Conference Room)
12/14	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Chapel) Young at Heart Holiday Luncheon — 11:30 (PC) Religious Education — 7pm (School/CR/Church/PC)
12/15	Thursday	RCIA — 7pm (Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
12/16	Saturday	Christmas Pageant Practice — 10am (Church)

## PASTORAL STAFF

### PASTOR EMERITUS:

Rev. Msgr. V. James Lockman

### WEEKEND ASSOCIATES

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## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

**Monday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday** Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

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

## 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](http://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.

## SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Square Dance on Tuesday, December 13th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow at 8pm. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



## YOUNG AT HEART HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 -11am  
Parish Center



All Seniors are cordially invited to a Holiday Luncheon following the 11am Mass in the Parish Center. Frank Conlon, our Music Director, will lead us in a Christmas sing-a-long at noon. Please RSVP by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to the Parish Office at 202-362-3323 or [parish@annunciationdc.org](mailto:parish@annunciationdc.org).



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY NETWORK

### ATTENTION FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS!

Catholic Charities has launched its Financial Stability Network (FSN). The FSN consists of volunteer financial professionals offering *pro bono* financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. The next training session for financial coaches will be held at Catholic Charities, 924 G St NW, Washington DC on Thursday December 15 from 9am to 1pm. If you would like to attend that session please contact Don Hathway at [donhathway@gmail.com](mailto:donhathway@gmail.com). The next tax prep training session will be held Saturday January 14 from 8:30am-5pm at Catholic University. If you would like to attend that session please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan at [jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org](mailto:jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org)

## 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](http://www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner).

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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

16th century

FEAST DECEMBER 12

Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak, in December, to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus-cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide.

—CNS Saints

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 11 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Maro	Hector & Rosita Falla	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Keeler	John Eugene Jordan	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Hall	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

### Monday, December 12 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	William Panke	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory

### Tuesday, December 13 – *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Eva Taylor	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	John Mehigan	In Memory

### Wednesday, December 14 – *Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Raymond Ozyjowski	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Leo Gorman	Intentions

### Thursday, December 15 – *Thursday of the Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Forgotten Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Joseph Donnelly	In Memory

### Friday, December 16 – *Friday of the Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	George Albert Gomez Duran	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Anne Marie McGovern	In Memory

### Saturday, December 17 – *Saturday of the Third Week in Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Maro	Hector Falla	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Maro	Eugene & Pauline McMahon	In Memory

### Sunday, December 18 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m.	Knestout	Beatrice Cherequefosse	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Langlois	Fe Ella A. Paz	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Maro	Deceased Members of the Ulrich Family & Friends	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](mailto:griffin@annunciationdc.org)



## POPE'S CORNER

### WE FEEL AT PEACE

[Forgiveness] reminds us that we can truly be at peace only if we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in the Lord Jesus, with the Father and with the brethren. And we have all felt this in our hearts, when we have gone to confession with a soul weighed down and with a little sadness; and when we receive Jesus' forgiveness, we feel at peace, with that peace of soul which is so beautiful, and which only Jesus can give, only him.

— General Audience, February 19, 2014

**Reflection:** Do you want true peace? Examine your life. Where have you sinned against God? Where have you sinned against others? Turn to the Lord for forgiveness. He can give the inner peace that you are looking for.



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

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

December 18th: Building Maintenance

#### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will benefit Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

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

Thank you for your generous support.



Would you like to receive Monsignor Antonicelli's weekly email? Simply send an email to [pastor@annunciationdc.org](mailto:pastor@annunciationdc.org) to sign up.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH APP



We are excited to announce the release of a new Mobile App for our parish. This app is available for download in the Android and Apple Stores. The App is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected with the parish. The App is PACKED with prayer resources including Liturgy of the

Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, information on parish events, mass schedules, photo capture tools, and more. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system. Search for it in the app store – Annunciation Catholic Church Washington DC.

## 2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 24

No 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

### Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Children's Mass with Pageant

5:30 p.m. Mass

8:20 p.m. Christmas Music

9:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, December 25

7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 26 to Saturday, December 31

One Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 1

7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.



## ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

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

**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!

For All Annunciation YA Events:  
[Facebook.com/AnnunciationDCYA](https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationDCYA)

## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS & RECEPTION

**DECEMBER 18TH, 2016**

**3PM**

Please join our choir for an afternoon of Lessons and Carols in our sanctuary .



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

3PM MASS



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](tel:202.362.3323) ext 13 or [morace@annunciationdc.org](mailto: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.

## 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.



## PARISH CHILDREN'S CONCERT



On December 11th, some of our talented young people will serenade us during refreshment hour after the 9am Mass. If your child would like to be a part of this, contact Frank Conlon at 202.441.7678 or Michelle Sheahan at 202.413.4431 or [michellesheahan@live.com](mailto:michellesheahan@live.com)



### 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.

## 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*)

