

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 18, 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 5-5:30pm

Saturday: 4:15-5:15pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN 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."

THIS WEEK ...

12/18 **Sunday**

Service Sunday — 9:am (Parish Center)

Faith Fun — 9:30am (Parish Center)

Lessons & Carols — 3pm (Church)

12/21 **Wednesday**

Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Church)

Religious Education — 7pm (School/CR/Church/PC)

12/22 **Thursday**

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)

PASTORAL STAFF

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PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

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

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

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

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

Friday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Christmas Eve our choir will present a program beginning at 8:20pm before the 9:00pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.



FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S FAITH FUN & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will not meet on December 25th or January 1st. They will resume on January 8th, 2017.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Will not meet on December 28th or January 4th. It will resume on January 11th.

RCIA

Will not meet December 22nd or December 29th. It will resume on January 4th, 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



Peter Canisius

1521-1597

FEAST December 21

This doctor of the church was born in Holland and studied canon law in Belgium before turning to the study of theology in Germany. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1543 and soon was a well-known preacher. He attended two sessions of the Council of Trent and was an important figure in the post-conciliar Catholic revival in Europe. As the Jesuit provincial in southern Germany, Austria and Bohemia, he started schools, colleges and seminaries, and is credited with keeping the southern German peoples Catholic.

—CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 19 – *Monday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Albert Kovalick	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	John Timothy Lanigan	In Memory

Tuesday, December 20 – *Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Marie Crossin	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	John Bernard Hofsiss	In Memory

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

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Irene & Harry Flinn	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Monique DePaul	In Memory

Thursday, December 22 – *Thursday of the Fourth Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Forgotten Souls	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Sue Courtillet	Intentions

Friday, December 23 – *Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Jeff Noordermeer	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Alicia Castro	In Memory

Saturday, December 24 – *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

3:00 p.m.	Maro	Brian Nett	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Knestout	The King & Rochelli Families	Intentions
9:00 p.m.	Antonicelli	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory

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

7:30 a.m.	Knestout	Barbara A. King	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Maro	Heloisa Sabin	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Panke	Anthony Zaia	In Memory

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound 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



POPE'S CORNER

IN THE FACE OF OUR NEIGHBOR

Whoever has fed, welcomed, visited, loved one of the least and poorest of men, will have done it to the Son of God. Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother, that she may help us this holy Christmastide, which is already close at hand, to see in the face of our neighbor, especially the weakest and most marginalized people, the image of the Son of God made man.

— General Audience, December 18, 2013

Reflection: Who are the weak among you? Who are the marginalized? We should certainly help the poor, especially in this season, but there may be others around us who need our help as well. Are there people in your parish, neighborhood, or family you could reach out to? How could you treat them like Jesus?



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 25th: Christmas

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



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.

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*)



Would you like to receive Monsignor Antonicelli's weekly email? Simply send an email to 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.

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 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

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Annunciation Parish Office will be closed from December 26th thru January 2, 2017. It will reopen on January 3rd, 2017.

Have a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS THANKS!



Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

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 the church, followed by a holiday reception.



BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE



In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Luke 2:1](#) (lines 1-8) or [Isaiah 7:10](#) (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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.
