

December 25, 2016

# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10**

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-6**

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18**

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

THIS WEEK ...

12/25	<b>Sunday</b>	Christmas Day Masses 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30am
12/28	<b>Wednesday</b>	NO Eucharistic Adoration

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## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

**Monday** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 26	9AM ONLY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27	9AM ONLY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28	9AM ONLY (NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29	9AM ONLY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30	9AM ONLY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31	9AM; 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.



## 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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org)

## 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)

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## THOMAS BECKET

1118 -1170

FEAST December 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."

—CNS Saints

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

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

9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Carl Hobelman	In Memory
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**Tuesday, December 27** – *Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	Alexis D'Elia	In Memory
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**Wednesday, December 28** – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	Anne Marie McGovern	In Memory
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**Thursday, December 29** – *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	Evelyn Mitchell	In Memory
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**Friday, December 30** – *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

9:00 a.m.	Marchese	The Family of Herb & Mary Schaumber	Intentions
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**Saturday, December 31** – *Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

9:00 a.m.	Lockman	Hillary Clinton	Intentions
5:30 p.m.	Panke	The Family of John & Kathleen Charbonnet	Intentions

**Sunday, January 1** – *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

7:30 a.m.	Knestout	Rev. Matthew E. Thompson	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Maro	John Mehigan	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Antonicelli	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Lockman	Paul Augustine Likoudis	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

### HE HAS SHARED OUR JOURNEY

[Jesus] has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, he is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst.

— Homily, December 24, 2013

**Reflection:** Because God became man, he has endured the struggles, fears, and questions that we endure. He has experienced pain as we've experienced pain. He has shared our journey. This knowledge can help us receive his mercy with gratitude, knowing that Jesus also looked to the mercy of his Father. Think about the meaning of Christmas and let it give you inspiration and hope for the future.



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

January 1st: Solemnity of Mary

### 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



## 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.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or confessions on Wednesday, December 28th. They will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.



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.

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## Gospel Today

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) | John 1:1-18

John was sent by God to tell everyone of the coming of light, the coming of Jesus. We accept Jesus and become children of God.

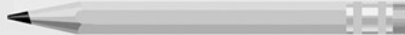
"The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world."

JOHN 1:9



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



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- Word
- Life
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- God
- True
- Light
- Enlightens
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- Star
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## 2016 POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

### **Josephine Allies**

Netty Keer  
Petrus Kusaeri

### **Nchang M. Azefor Family**

Regina N. Suh

### **Mary Lynn Bebee**

Cheryl Horner

### **Jeanne M. Cassidy**

William E. Cassidy

### **Angela Connelly**

Michele Connelly

### **Marilyn Harris Dabaghi**

Michelle Harris

### **Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Drexler**

Joann Santore

### **Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Eligado**

John Berry Wallace

### **Henry Flynn**

Henry J. Flynn, Sr.  
Martha A. Flynn

### **Regina Grunert**

Margaret & Eugene Grunert

### **Lucia Gutierrez**

Rafael Gutierrez  
Estella Marquez

### **Bill & Lee Maksymiec**

Eileen Maksymiec



### **Patrice Morace**

Edward Morace  
Theresa Morace

### **Thomas Neale**

Harry T. & Mary H. Neale

### **Maria Noordermeer**

Ria Nacinovic  
Lulu Noordermeer  
Jeff Noordermeer  
Maria Liau

### **Mrs. Aram F. Normandin**

Sharpe and Normandin Families

### **Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah Norris**

Marin & Madeline Norris  
William & Bessie Norton

### **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Orgill**

Dr. & Mrs. Pat Buttarazzi

### **Rosalind Paguio**

Janice Ogletree  
Rene Victoriano  
Eulalia Santos  
Rosita Victoriano

### **Joan Panke**

William F. Panke  
Virginia Pritchett  
Karl & Rose Panke  
Harry & Irene Flinn  
Chris and Frances Panke

### **Santo Pontiere**

Ann Pontiere

### **Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Puglisi**

Guiseppe Puglisi  
Carmelina Puglisi  
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Mr. and Mrs. Marano

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John William Lesso  
Wilma Lesso Knapp  
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### **Abril Rivera**

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Mordini/Rukavina Families

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Debbie Bauters

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Vincent Soviero  
Giancarlo Soviero  
Lucia Fiodelis  
Maria Soviero

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Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Whalen  
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Patrick  
Donovan

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Mr. and Mrs. Jose Tolibao

### **The Vittucci Family**

Mr. & Mrs. R.V. Vittucci

### **Ellen Wolentarski**

Patricia Wolentarski

### **Angelika Zaia**

Anthony T. Zaia

### **Anna Zakarija**

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Pairan Family  
Lucchese Family