

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 4, 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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

THIS WEEK ...

12/4	Sunday	Faith Fun — 9:30am (Parish Center) Breakfast with Santa — 10am (Parish Center)
12/6	Tuesday	Helen Fleming Funeral — 11am (Church/Parish Center)
12/7	Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration — 11:30am (Chapel) Religious Education — 7pm (School/CR/Church/PC)
12/8	Thursday	RCIA — 7pm (Conference Room) Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm (Church)
12/10	Saturday	Christmas Pageant Practice — 10am (Church) Christmas Open House — 6:30pm (Parish Center)

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PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE...

Monday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Masses: Wednesday Vigil—7 pm

Thursday: 8am, 11am, & 7pm

The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. However, for centuries Catholics had believed in Mary's exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary's birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

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.



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. 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

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



Saint Nicholas

Fourth Century

FEAST December 6

From the ninth century in the East and the 11th century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and art, and the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches and cities. He was bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). According to folklore, he saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three murdered children hidden in a brine-tub or saved from death three unjustly condemned men. There is no evidence that he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 or suffered persecution for his faith. "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch form of his name: "Sinte Klaas."

—CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 5 – *Monday of the Second Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Deacon Eugene J. Cummins, Jr.	In Memory

Tuesday, December 6 – *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Albert Lucius DePaul	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Alicia Castro	In Memory

Wednesday, December 7 – *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Albert Kovalik	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Lockman	Ramon Zaldua & Family	In Memory
7:00 p.m.	Maro	Maureen Nolan	In Memory

Thursday, December 8 – *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Anthony Chrysakis	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Netty Keer & Petrus Kusaeri	In Memory
7:00 p.m.	Maro	Dr. Eduardo Brito-Mieles	In Memory

Friday, December 9 – *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	John Tully	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Maro	Donald Trump	Intentions

Saturday, December 10 – *Saturday of the Second Week in Advent*

9:00 a.m.	Maro	Kathleen Libbey	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Keeler	Hermine Rampl	In Memory

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

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

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 ext 13 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.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS & RECEPTION

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 18TH, 2016

3PM



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



ADVENT WREATH

A PRAYER FOR LIGHTING ADVENT

WREATH CANDLES—SECOND WEEK

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (excerpted from *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions*)



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

BECOME SMALL

If God, in the Christmas mystery, reveals himself not as One who remains on high and dominates the universe, but as the One who bends down, descends to the little and poor earth, it means that, to be like him, we should not put ourselves above others, but indeed lower ourselves, place ourselves at the service of others, become small with the small and poor with the poor.

It is regrettable to see a Christian who does not want to lower himself, who does not want to serve. A Christian who struts about is ugly; this is not Christian, it is pagan. The Christian serves, he lowers himself.

— General Audience, December 18, 2013

Reflection: The attitude of mercy is an attitude of service. During the Advent and Christmas season, we can easily fall into the mindset of: What's in it for me? How can you continue to serve others this season in all things?



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 11th: Retirement for Religious

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 to sign up.

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

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-along at noon. Please RSVP by Monday, December 12th to the Parish Office at 202-362-3323 or parish@annunciationdc.org.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 6:30pm

Parish Center

Come enjoy seasonal treats with your fellow parishioners and neighbors after the 5:30pm Mass.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Ninety-five percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more.

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