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Church of the Annunziata

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

#### All Masses are streamed at www.Annunziata.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

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<b>OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!</b> We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.	
Name	Cell/Phone Number
Address/Zip   Please make the above changes to my parish record.   I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.   I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon	Email I would like our Church Family to pray for:

#### ADVENT..... A TIME OF HOPE.....A YEAR OF GRACE

Advent invites me, you, everybody to acknowledge this: Dear God, the world is a mess, and my own life is less than whole. Something—NO—SOMEONE—is missing. We—I—really need YOU! If you are willing to admit your life is not whole, that you need a rescuer, a helper, someone to intervene, and want a Savior:





**PRAYER:** These days of preparation during Advent are a great time to regularly spend some quiet time with God.



BIBLE: Read St. Luke's Gospel 5 minutes each Advent Day.



**MASS:** Participate in Sunday Mass and receive the Risen Christ in Holy Communion.



**CONFESSION:** Try to receive God's loving forgiveness — available every Saturday beginning at 3:30 p.m. and after Mass as announced on some Advent Sundays. THE SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS WITH 3 PRIESTS AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, FROM 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



**CHARITY:** Advent is a time to share, love, remember, serve, forgive, help out, Let people know you care for them.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation honoring the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States of America. We ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession, that Christ will protect our Country during this time of uncertainty.

To allow everyone an opportunity to attend Mass on this day, Mass will be offered on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 a.m., 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (There will be no vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 7th.)



## FAMILY TIME IS A GIFT



We've bought our Christmas tree from the same lot for as long as I can remember. The folks that run the operation have a fun tradition of taking pictures of patrons next to a little scene they've set up. Then, when you come to pick out a tree the following year, you will find the previous year's picture in a little box and can take it home. It's silly, but I love it! I LOVE those pictures--the yearly

collection of that very specific, happy memory and seeing how we've changed from year-to-year... These little family photos are a treasure to my heart.

We don't typically get our tree before Thanksgiving, but we have a very busy weekend after, and our son, Kyle, will head back to college on Sunday. I've brought up getting the tree almost everyday, "We'll have to get it on Monday or Tuesday, I guess. It can just sit there without decorations for a while..." It's all about going as a family and the little picture from the tree lot.

As my words hang in the air, I look around and see that I still need to put away the pumpkins, corn husks, and other fall decor that we've been enjoying for the past couple of months. My phone dings; it's a text from my mom asking for lists of wants from the kids. Seriously? Sweet as they are, they can't answer that question easily, because they want for nothing! No one I need to buy a gift for can answer that question. But, I'll find something for everyone and spend hours wrapping it all. Meanwhile, the calendar is filling up with parties and get-togethers. There are Christmas decorations that need to be brought up, cookies that need to be baked, tablecloths that need to be pressed... The days will flit by more quickly than usual. 'Tis the season. I don't dislike it, I just know that when it gets stressful, something's not right.

At first, I thought I was being silly about my insistence that we go pick out our tree as a family while Kyle is home. I mean, it's a little early, and life is different now. He can't be with us for everything. I know I need to do a better job of letting go. But, the more I think about it, getting the tree is the one thing I need to make sure we do together while he's home, even if it sits naked in the corner next to pumpkins and corn husks for a week.

Slowing down and being together as a family is a wonderful way to prepare for Christ's coming. We're always going a thousand different directions, so any time we spend together must be treasured. When we quiet our hearts and join Mary and Joseph to prepare a place for Christ in our lives, we will find the joy, hope, and love that is the promise of Christmas. Finding joy, hope, and love in Christ together as family is the bedrock of a steadfast, life-giving faith. This is the gift we all need *and* want, whether we know it or not. *Laura Gyawali* 

PSR Principal

## **Financial Blessings**

We are grateful for the special contributions we have received to date to help the parish pay for theneeded repairs to our church!

> To date we have received \$ 212,850 in special gifts to help defray these expenses.



#### **OVERTURNING ROE v. WADE** Invitation to pray December 1st 8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Come and pray with others throughout the nation for a few minutes or an hour or more. There is no communal prayer — a special time of silent prayer!

Beginning December 1st the Supreme Court will hear the historic case concerning the right of states to protect mothers and unborn life. Dobbs v. Jackson is a case whose outcome could overturn Row v. Wade. For more information, see: (https://firsthings.com/media/robert-george-on-overturning-roe)

## Annunziata

is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for private prayer!

Please pray for all who have served or are serving in the U.S. Military, First Responders, Health Care Workers and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Army Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Navy Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army 2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army William Donovan, U.S. Airforce Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy Soosan Good, U.S. Army Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce 1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps GSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.

St. Patrick's Center Casseroles should be dropped off at the Rectory FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD no later than 10:00 a.m. Casseroles should be <u>FROZEN</u> when dropped off!

Thank you for your generosity!

#### November 28, 2021

#### **First Sunday of Advent**



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