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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Our Warm Welcome to All!

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 _____ Email _____

___ 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

I would like our Church Family to pray for:
_____
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FROM OUR PASTOR…

On this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I want to express my gratitude to God and to all of you for the blessing that you are to Annunziata! By our prayer, worship, reception of the Sacraments, and outreach to the poor and needy, may God give us the Grace to become more and more God's Holy Family!

I offer this Blessing for You:

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: *[We pause and remember family members and others by name].*
Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Msgr. Leykam, Deacon Tom, and the entire Staff of Annunziata wish you a happy, healthy, prayerful, and prosperous 2022!

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness during this Christmas Season. We truly enjoyed all the Christmas cards as well as the considerate gifts, remembrances, and prayers.

Saturday, January 1st is NOT a Holyday of Obligation.

However, for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Masses will be offered at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m.

There will be NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.

Sunday Masses on January 2nd, are at the usual times: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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December 26, 2021

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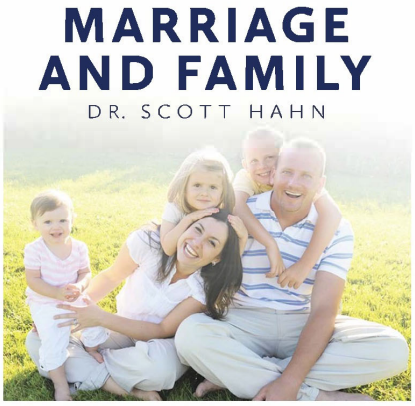
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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The Gifts We Never Use

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Most of us have everything, our kids included, so weeks ago when I asked the question, "What do you want for Christmas?" hearing, "I don't know," and "I'll have to think about it and get back to you," was no surprise. I eventually got a few suggestions and was otherwise left to my own creativity. We all know that the exchange really is more about the giver than the receiver. It feels so good to give. With every gift, we hope to fulfill the hearts' desires of those we love. But, we can't always hit the mark, and there are plenty of gifts that will make it to the bottom of the toy box and back of the closet before winter break is over. Let's face it, we've all received gifts we know we won't use.

Every once in a while we receive a gift that we know is probably a really good one, but we just can't bring ourselves to use it. Maybe it seems intimidating or too high-tech. Maybe we plan to use it, but never do because there's not enough time, or we have better things to do. Meanwhile this wonderful gift just sits there, and if we'd just try it, it might improve our lives. A fancy piece of exercise equipment with all the bells and whistles is a good example of this kind of gift.

Our parish has given us a gift like this. It's a lot like a state-of-the-art fitness plan for our spirit, and for a lot of us, it's been sitting in the corner for the last several years collecting dust. I'll admit, I don't use it as much as I should, but when I do, my life is better, richer. This gift is **FORMED**, an all Catholic, multimedia platform supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, group programs and studies. I think of it like a Catholic Netflix.

Utilizing **FORMED** brings me closer to God. Most recently, I watched the movie, *Therese*, and have been inspired by the little way of this great doctor of the Church. She was the inspiration of the Advent journey in our home. I can also attest to an increase in spirituality by signing up for FORMED's 3-minute daily video reflections which come directly to my email. There are so many gifts waiting for us.

Watch *The Search* series and explore the deep questions of the human heart, enjoy movies about the lives of the saints, learn about the miracles of the Eucharist, explore the vast catalog of children's programs…I'm not even scratching the surface here! The content is vast and amazing. Plus, it is always growing.

Please don't let this great gift go unused! It takes less than 30 seconds to sign up! You can do it now while you wait for Mass to start. Just go to https://formed.org/ and follow the prompts. You can access **FORMED** on your mobile device, Smart TV, and more. Make **FORMED** part of family time.

What we receive in the gift of **FORMED** will enrich our faith and bring us closer to the Father, and whether we realize it or not, oneness with the Father is truly the deepest desire of our hearts.

8th Grade Families, mark your calendars! The Confirmation Commitment Ceremony will take place during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 16th. The Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation will immediately follow in Faris Hall (the lower level of Church).

Christmas break is Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd. Classes resume on Sunday, January, 9th. Have a blessed Christmas holiday.

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal

Annunziata Giving Tree

SPECIAL THANKS
to all who contributed!

Because of your generosity,
we have been able to provide Christmas gifts for:

Annunziata Learning Center,
St. Patrick Center,
Midtown Community Services;
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

God bless you for your generosity!

THANK YOU
from Annunziata School

The families of Annunziata School want to send out a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners for their generosity. The students feel so much love and support from the Christmas gifts they received.

Additionally, the students felt very independent and proud when they were able to select a gift for their parents. Thank you for providing such wonderful support to the students. We are honored to be a part of Annunziata Parish and wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a Happy 2022.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 31st.
Wishing you a Blessed New Year!

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
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

From Death to New Life

James Drysdale Dunsmore, Jr.	December 26, 1991
Dorothy L. Hempstead	December 26, 2000
Bonita K. Simpson	December 26, 1996
Mary Anna Wende	December 26, 2004
James Connaughton	December 27, 2016
Lucy Dial Convy	December 27, 1996
Katherine K. Danis	December 28, 1998
Barbara Ann O'Leary	December 30, 1988
Anne Ryan	December 30, 2018
Julia Kimball Bramman	December 31, 2002
John "Jack" Corley	December 31, 2003

Pray the Rosary!

Please join us

Monday through Saturday as we pray the Rosary together after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26
- 7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
- 9:00 a.m. Nancy M. Hereford
- 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 27
- 7:00 a.m. William Stock

Tuesday, December 28
- 7:00 a.m. Dan Ferry

Wednesday, December 29
- 7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John E. Simon, Sr. Family Living and Deceased

Thursday, December 30
- 7:00 a.m. James Nangle

Friday, December 31
- 7:00 a.m. Msgr. Robert Krawinkel

Saturday, January 1
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)
- 7:00 a.m. Deceased of the Parish
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 2
- 7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Jack McEnery

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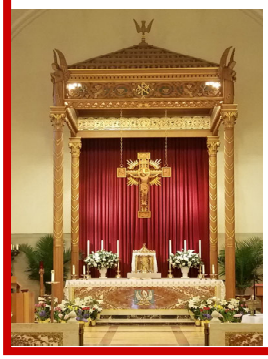

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