

O COME,  
O COME,  
Emmanuel



# Church of the Annunziata

## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

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

**All Masses are streamed at  
[www.annunziata.org](http://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 noon.  
Please call the Rectory for more information.

## *Sacrament of Matrimony*

Please call the Rectory for information.

*Our warm*  
**WELCOME** *to all!*

*If you wish to join our Parish  
Family, please contact the  
Parish Office.*

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# *From Our Pastor . . .*



Dear Parishioners:

Every Christmas T.V. has some movie about a heroic effort made by someone to get home by Christmas. Following that theme, I thought this year we might make some kind of heroic effort and help someone return home for Christmas, return home to the Church of the Annunziata.

All of us know some person, some neighbor who has stopped actively participating in Church. Maybe it is time for us to reach out to them, listen to them, and support them in returning to Church. We know what a precious gift our faith is and like any good gift we wish to share it with others. So I encourage each and every one of us to reach out to someone and invite him or her to join our community of faith here at Annunziata.

Each of you by living out your faith becomes the greatest ambassador our parish community possesses. I would also be happy to contact anyone, if you would please send me their name and number; I will invite them to join our community.

*" Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.* Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice." This week as we rejoice that the light of the world draws near, with *Gaudete* Sunday, I also invite you to give yourself any early gift with some quite time. Time to be with your loved ones and with the Lord. Let us pray for one another as we continue our Advent journey.

*Advent Blessings!*  
*Msgr. John Shamleffer*

— *You Are Invited* —  
*Installation TODAY*

*The Very Reverend Scott Jones, Vicar of the Northern Vicariate, will canonically install Msgr. John B. Shamleffer as Pastor of Annunziata on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.*



*Please join us in Faris Hall for donuts and coffee following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and/or for a light brunch after the 11:00 a.m. Mass to congratulate Msgr. Shamleffer and celebrate this important Parish event.*

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- GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION -
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# MASS SCHEDULE

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent:*

Saturday, December 23rd 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## *Christmas:*

**Sunday, December 24th 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 25th 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

## *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Saturday, December 30th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## *New Year's Eve*

Sunday, December 31st 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## *New Year's Day*

Monday, January 1st 7:00 a.m.

*(New Year's Day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)*



*Please pray  
for all who have served or are  
serving in the U.S. Military  
and for all First Responders.*

Ltjg Haydn Boldt, U.S. Navy

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 B. (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army

Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army

William Donovan, U.S. Air Force

Cpl Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps

William Drakes, U.S. Air Force

John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy

Timothy Fox, Jr. S.O. 2, U.S. Navy

Master Sgt. Alex Fox, U.S. Army

Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Air Force

1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army

Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army

James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps

GySgt. 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

SPC H. Meade Summers IV, U. S. Army

Major August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps

Major Candace R. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers

Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

*Thank you*  
to all who  
contributed to our  
**GIVING TREE**  
to make Christmas brighter  
for those less fortunate!





*Please Pray  
for the  
Repose of the Souls of  
Gilbert Bickel  
and  
Mary Jolan Cossair*

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation


Jesus gave His Church this gift to heal the brokenness that occurs in our relationship with Him when we sin. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our friendship with the Lord is renewed and we are given grace - God's own life in our soul.

*This is the very best way to prepare for Christmas!*

In addition to our regular times on Saturdays between 3:30 and 4:45 p.m. and after the Sunday Masses,  
**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD**  
**THIS MONDAY**  
**5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

Several priests will be available.  
Don't miss this opportunity!

### REGISTER NOW for CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



Annunziata 8th graders who attend Catholic schools join the Confirmation class for the second semester, which begins January 7th, to complete Confirmation preparation. In order for us to purchase materials for each student and have them ready to participate in class, please register **NOW** at: [Annunziata.psrenroll.com](http://Annunziata.psrenroll.com)  
(PSR is limited to registered Annunziata parish families only.)

## Baptism

**Ophelia Rubicom Marino**  
Daughter of Andrew & Sally Marino  
was baptized December 9, 2023



*Annunziata*  
is open for private prayer  
Monday thru Saturday  
8:00 am — 3:00 pm  
(Please use the east entrance.)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8;  
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;  
Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28;  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a);  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## *From Death to New Life*

Delphine Polk Gatch	December 17, 2007
Edward L. Bakewell, Jr.	December 18, 1993
Jim Good	December 18, 2017
Jean Cronk Andrews	December 19, 2012
Clarann Pollnow Budke	December 19, 2010
Carolyn DeArmand Laime	December 19, 1998
Donald Carmody	December 19, 2021
Robert Harroll Mooney	December 20, 2002
Dr. Harry Raybuck, Jr.	December 22, 1985
Lutwin C. Rotter	December 22, 1992
Gene V. Peterman	December 23, 2007

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DOESN'T DIMINISH JUSTICE,  
*it just*  
**ENTRUSTS IT**  
**TO GOD.**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

5:00 p.m. Charles Disbrow

### Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. G. A. Meyer

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### Monday, December 18

7:00 a.m. Hoover Family

### Tuesday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Sylvia Clayton

### Wednesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Carol & Ted Dubuque

### Thursday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Lipic Family

### Friday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Morrison

### Saturday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Mary Griesedieck.

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### **Celebration of Christmas**

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

10:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

## *Annunziata*

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current Mass or to view past Masses*