December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

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:

A few years ago Pope Benedict in a talk to children who brought the baby Jesus, from their nativity scenes, to be blessed by him said:

"The crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having so many things, but in feeling loved by the Lord, in becoming a gift for others and loving one another. Let us look at the Nativity Scene: the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph do not seem like a very lucky family, they had their first child in the midst of great hardship, and yet are filled with deep joy, because they love each other, help each other and, above all, are certain that in their history God is at work, present in the Infant Jesus. And the shepherds? What reason would they have to rejoice? That baby will not change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But faith helps them to recognize in the 'infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger', the 'sign' of the fulfillment of the promises of God for all men 'whom he loves' (Luke 2,12.14), even for them!".

My sisters and brothers this is what true joy is; the feeling that our personal and community lives are visited and filled by a great mystery, the mystery of God's love. We need more than things to rejoice, we need love and truth: we need a God close at hand, who warms our hearts, and responds to our deepest yearnings. This God was manifested in Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary. So that Child, that we put in the manger, is the center of everything, He is the heart of the world. We pray that every man, woman, or child, like the Virgin Mary, may accept as a center of their lives the God who became a Child, the source of true joy.

Many thanks to all of you who make your homes a place of love and respect and that the words spoken and the acts performed there help us grow closer to the Holy Family and our Lord. I also give thanks to our school community our leadership and faculty for helping to foster God's graces and love on all there.

Stop by our Nativity Scene and give thanks for the real gifts of our lives. Blessings this Holy Season as we celebrate the gift of life, the gift of love, both here at the Church of the Annunziata, in our homes and throughout the year.

Advent & Christmas Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we are asking that you give
Gift Card, Cash or Check.

Please take an envelope from the tree, and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

(If you put your information on the envelope, your gift will be added to your year-end contribution statement for your tax deduction.)

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will see that the Gift Cards go to families most in need, and parents will have the pleasure of choosing a gift that is ideal for their child.

Each Annunziata Learning Center student will also receive a gift this year.

PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE
JOY of GIVING!

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	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.)

You Are Invited

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 Mass and after the 11:00 Mass for a light brunch to congratulate Msgr. Shamleffer and celebrate this important parish event.

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

Parish PSR School of Religion

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**

(PSR is limited to registered Annunziata parish families only.)

Baptism

Louisa Lee Mullenger,

Daughter of Keith & Lindsay Mullenger was baptized December 3, 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:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b) 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

From Death to New Life

Cecile J. Schaefer	December 10, 1981
Letitia A. Cassin	December 11, 1988
Helen Grace Catanzaro	December 11, 2013
Sheila O. Griesedieck	December 11, 1999
David A. Blanton, Jr.	December 12, 1985
Gracie Reynolds	December 13, 2017
Robert O'Brien	December 14, 1997
Thomas Paul Gleeson, Jr.	December 15, 2006
Vincent Hennessy Jones	December 15, 1988
James P. Kennedy	December 15, 1996
Faye Beth O'Byrne	December 15, 2015
Bruce B. Selkirk, Jr.	December 15, 1998
Douglas Albert Jones	December 15, 2020
Sharon Reilly Condie	December 15, 2021
Mico Barkofske	December 15, 2022
Irene Sullivan Ewing	December 16, 2011
Anna M. Nooney	December 16, 1995

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9
- 7:00 a.m. Dan Sheehan
- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10
- 9:00 a.m. Marilyn Griesedieck
- 11:00 a.m. Benedict Viviano, O.P.

Monday, December 11
- 7:00 a.m. John G. Wilmsen

Tuesday, December 12
- 7:00 a.m. Ed O'Brien

Wednesday, December 13
- 7:00 a.m. William Stock

Thursday, December 14
- 7:00 a.m. Doug Jones

Friday, December 15
- 7:00 a.m. Nancy M Hereford

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

Annunziata

LIVESTREAMS ALL MASSES
Go to ANNUNZIATA.ORG
One click to connect to the current Mass or to view past Masses

Pray the Rosary

Monday thru Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass