



ASH WEDNESDAY

## Heavenly Father,

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



# ***FROM OUR PASTOR.....***

## **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Valentine's Day this year falls on Sunday. Jesus gave us the greatest act of love that any human being could ever receive. The Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) is the source and summit of our life, when we are united with the Risen Christ and offered the Graces to be transformed into the best version of Jesus on earth, and the pledge of eternal glory in union with the Source of All Love, the Most Holy Trinity!

As a Baptized member of Christ's Church, know that You are beautifully, wonderfully made, and unconditionally loved. Thank you for being a faith filled member of the Body of Christ here at your Parish of Annunziata.



**ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES  
ON ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT  
7:00 a.m.                      12:00 Noon                      7:00 p.m.**

## **JESUS INVITES US TO PRACTICE KINDNESS FOR LENT**

Like anything in life, the more we practice something, the better we get at it. While it is natural to think we are kinder to those we love and see every day, the frustrations of daily life sometimes get in the way, especially in the time of stress during the pandemic. So why not make LENT 2021 a Season to start your own kindness initiative? Beginning in our home, with genuine practice day in and day out, you can take these habits to the wider world:

### **1. Use Manners more**

Common Courtesy seems to be on the way out in many places, but manners are one of the vestiges of humility and kindness still worth preserving, both at home and in public. Use "please," "thank you" and "you're welcome" at every opportunity — when your husband hands you the remote, when you ask your child to brush his teeth or pick up the toys; the idea is to make these phrases part of your kids' verbal DNA, and you want them to be automatic for yourself — yes, even that brusque checkout cashier deserves the grace of "have a nice day," even if you don't think he deserves it.

### **2. Yell less**

If you have kids, this is a tough one. Even the most patient parent in the world loses it every once in a while, or many times in a while. Things get stressful, people are late, schedules get bogged, tests get failed, and fridges run empty, especially in big families. Research has shown that yelling in all forms, from general nagging to insults and humiliation, is not benign — it's damaging and leads to behavior problems later on. So take a deep breath, count to five, and speak calmly and with love.

### **3. Spend less time on your phone (and more time with them)**

Your time is perhaps the most valuable thing you can give to anyone, so why not start with your kids? Log out of Facebook and forget about checking the latest news alerts untill later. Being present is being loving.

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## *From Our Pastor . . . . . (continued)*

### 4. Look for small “kindness” opportunities

Service is a great way to instill kindness in your kids, but it doesn't have to involve a big organized effort. Bring a bag with you the next time you go on a walk in the park and pick up litter, or help an elderly person with their bags at the grocery store.

### 5. Stop road raging

We should practice being kind even when the other person is “anonymous” — case in point, in the car. With incidents like scary road rage, it's no wonder why kindness has a tough time surviving on the roadways. Buck this trend, especially when your kids are in the car. The next time you get cut off (and you will), be compassionate and tell your kids it's important to give the driver the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she's late picking up her toddler at a day care, or he's rushing off to a family emergency. You don't know and it really doesn't matter ... you should be kind whether others are or not.

### 6. Share a daily act of “kindness” at the dinner table

Ask everyone to share something “kind” they did that day, however big or small. If someone doesn't have anything to offer, they'll be inspired to make sure they make the effort to come to the table with something the next day. Kindness is addictive, after all.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”*

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal Life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021),**

**all Fridays of Lent**

**and Good Friday (April 2, 2021)**

are days of *abstinence* (refraining from meat) for all Catholics *from age 14 onwards*.

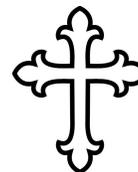
**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fast*.**

On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*.

Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted).

No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.



# FORMED

Remember — FORMED is FREE!  
Go to [ANNUNZIATA.ORG](http://ANNUNZIATA.ORG) to sign in!

## THE SEARCH

What is this journey in between the event we call  
“birth” and the one we call “death”?

The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

Why are we here?    What's life about?    What happens when we die?

Copy and paste the link (in red) below to watch the  
one-minute video that will lead you into *The Search!*  
You can watch any one or more of the seven-part  
series of 30-minute videos at your convenience.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-search/videos/the-search-trailer>

*The Search* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Are you ready for *The Search*?

Go to [Annunziata.org](http://Annunziata.org) to enroll and enjoy.

*Our Prayer Page*

**PLEASE PRAY**

*for doctors and nurses, first responders, 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  
 LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy  
 2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army  
 Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps  
 John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy  
 1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army  
 Captain Molly Collins DuTart, U.S. Army  
 Major Courtney Collins Fox, U.S. Army  
 Soosan Good, U.S. Army  
 Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy  
 1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army  
 Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army

James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps  
 SSgt. 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 call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)*

*From Death To New Life*



Harriet E. Azzouni	February 14, 1993
Irene Moore Bramman	February 14, 1980
Cecilia H. Curran	February 14, 1992
Joseph Lynch	February 14, 1989
Ellis L. Brown	February 15, 1992
Sally O'Fallon Craven	February 16, 1981
Mildred A. Kisling	February 16, 1986
Barbara Barton Corley	February 18, 2012
Martha Woerner	February 18, 2014
Eleanor Busch Condie	February 19, 1998
John S. Ford	February 20, 1981
Harry G. Greditzer	February 20, 2006
Jeanette Bernice Rogers	February 20, 2015

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25;  
 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;  
 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;  
 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;  
 Mk 8:14-21

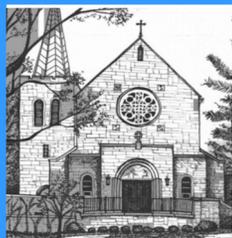
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18;  
 Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;  
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6;  
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9;  
 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



*The Church of the Annunziata*

is open for private prayer

Monday – Saturday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm

Stop by and spend some time with Our Lord!

## *Leaning In* for Lent

The greatest act of love known to man was Jesus' unfathomable suffering and death on the cross. During Lent we not only reflect on Jesus' suffering, but enter into it. As a child, I remember dropping coins into the rice boxes everyday and feeling happy to turn the heavy little box in at the end of Lent. I remember giving up sweets, which made Easter morning all the more delightful. Making sacrifices is a good way to keep Jesus close as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



*Sharing the great love of Jesus  
through the beauty of our Catholic faith*

This Lent, I feel inspired to try something a little different. I think of it as *Leaning In* to the great love of our Savior's suffering on the cross. What does this look like? It's different for everyone, but follow the formula of lifting our minds and hearts as an offering to our Lord when... we're ascending the stairs for the 50th time to do the laundry, are cut off in traffic, the baby spills the milk and you're running late, our spouse is being ugly... If we want to kick it up a notch, while it's happening, we might say, "Thank you Lord for all of my blessings and the opportunity to share in your love." It won't be easy, but my guess is that we will be transformed, and that's what Lent is all about.

The saints provide wonderful examples how to *Lean In* to everything that Our Lord offers us. Perhaps this Lent, we might consider choosing a saint and learn more about them. Any book or media source about our faith would be a wonderful addition to our journey through Lent. Trading an hour of Netflix or Facebook for Formed or Bishop Barron would be an awesome sacrifice. The most important thing is that we grow closer to Jesus. He taught us so much, and more than that, he loves us so much. We only need to look at the cross to know that. God's blessing on all of you this Lent.

## Special Thanks!

I would like to offer special thanks to our PSR teachers who have done an AMAZING job sharing the faith with our parish children. They have taken on the challenge of virtual teaching and made it creative, fun, and impactful for the students. Thank you, too, to all of our wonderful parents. You are truly the primary teachers of the faith to your children. Your care and involvement in making sure that your children are online, participating in class, and doing their homework means more than you know. You are giving a great gift to your children.

*Laura Gyawali*

Principal

Annunziata Parish School of Religion

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office  
will be closed  
Monday, February 15th  
in honor of Presidents' Day



*Welcome  
to the Family of Faith*

**Augustus Marino**

Son of  
Andrew Marino & Sally Hoffman



**Please  
support our  
St. Vincent DePaul  
Society**

With the weather getting colder and colder, there are lots of ways we can reach out to help our neighbors in need. Financial donations help pay heating bills and can make an enormous difference.

Taking care of our neighbors in the winter has been a part of our mission since the Society began.

**THANK YOU  
for sharing your blessings!**



**ANNUNZIATA  
IS LIVESTREAMING  
ALL MASSES!**

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**ONE CLICK TO CONNECT TO  
THE CURRENT MASS  
OR VIEW PAST MASSES**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Gail Hites

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

9:00 a.m. Kenrick Jones

11:00 a.m. Jessica & Ashley

### Monday, February 15

7:00 a.m. Laura Gyawali

### Tuesday, February 16

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. William M.

Francis, Sr. and Family,  
Living & Deceased

### ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Swaykas

12:00 noon People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Thursday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Kevin & Carol Vescovo  
& Family

### Friday, February 19

7:00 a.m. John Tines

### Saturday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, February 21

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

9:00 a.m. Martha & Bob Woerner

11:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John E.  
Simon, Sr. and Family,  
Living and Deceased

# 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](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 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 would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon