

The Light is On for You!



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th

5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

(3 priests will be available)

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 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

FROM OUR PASTOR...

THE GREATEST GIFT



Pope Francis presents a very timely question, "How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well and to love our neighbors?"

"It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus says in the Gospels. But how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary strength to do it, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible spring of the Holy Eucharist?"

Our Holy Father points out that participating in Sunday does fulfill the Third Commandment and the law of the Church. But even more importantly, we Catholics need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the Grace of Jesus, with His living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice the Great Commandment, "You shall love the Lord Your God.....and Your Neighbor as yourself" and be credible witnesses. Holy Communion is where we find our strength for daily life. Without the Eucharist we are "condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life." "Often consumed by worries and fears, Sunday Mass is where Christ gives us the strength to live each day with courage and hope."

"At Sunday Mass we rest from the busyness and work of the week, which teaches us to place our trust in the Father, not in earthly things," the Pope said. The Prayer from the Roman Missal addresses God, saying: "You do not need our praise, but for a gift of your love you call us to give you thanks; our hymns of blessing do not increase your greatness, but they obtain for us the Grace that Saves Us!"

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Friday, December 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25th.)

Saturday, January 1st, NEW YEARS DAY

7:00 and 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday January 1st.)

NOTE: January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve
5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Financial Summary **Fiscal Year July, 2020 — June, 2021**

Offertory Contributions	\$ 556,225
Other Income	199,562
(Contributions, fees, grant revenue, other)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 755,787
Personnel Costs	334,713
Personnel Costs (COVID)	52,847
Total Personnel Costs	387,560
Supplies	72,219
(Liturgical, office, household, other)	
Supplies (COVID)	6,999
Total Supplies	79,218
Utilities & Service Fees	106,594
Repairs & Maintenance	38,967
Archdiocesan Expenses	167,078
(Insurance, Cathedralism, Priest Health & Retirement, etc.)	
Total Other Expenses	312,639
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 779,417
Other Income	321,425
(PPP Loan Forgiveness & Investments)	
Other Expenses	16,051
(Building, Religious Articles & Equipment)	
TOTAL PROFIT	281,744



Extraordinary ***Financial Blessings***

We are grateful for the special contributions we have received to help the parish pay for the tuckpointing, the ten new flat roofs on the church and the stripping and staining of our church doors.

As of December 8th, we have received \$ 218,083 in special gifts to help defray these extraordinary expenses.

The Gift of God's Love

PSR



Between the multitude of Christmas boxes brought out of storage and the Amazon packages arriving almost daily, my home has looked like a construction site for the past week. I've only just gotten the ornaments, nativities, garlands, lights, etc. put where I want them and am finding order again. Decorating is just a piece of the chaos. The stress only continues with gifts, wrapping, scheduling visits, menu planning, and the like.

There's always a news article out there about how the holidays are a tough time for many people, and it's no wonder. I'll admit that while all the "extras" that have become a part of the Christmas tradition are enjoyable, something is awry. In the midst of it all, I recognize that I've allowed my focus to be hijacked by our culture, and a sense of guilt sets in. As I keep trudging through the whirlwind of preparations, the true meaning of Christmas, the great gift of God's love in Jesus, becomes a thought at which I grasp rather than the solid center of my heart, mind, and actions. I know that a shift in focus could transform my life.

God's gift in Jesus is a gift of pure love. We long for that love; we need it now more than ever. So why is it so hard for us to accept this gift and allow ourselves to be loved by God? Is it a feeling of unworthiness? Do we think we're not good enough or that we get it wrong too often? Do we perpetuate these attitudes with negative thoughts? If so, we are fooling ourselves and denying the joy and peace our Father wishes for us.

We must remember what God's gift of love looks like: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.* (1 Cor. 13:4-8a).

The Father's unconditional love is always forgiving, always waiting, always faithful. This is God's gift to us at Christmas and always. The best gift we can give to Him is to accept it.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of God's Mercy for the first time on Tuesday, December 7th! Special thanks to their AMAZING catechist, Richard McIntosh, for teaching the great love of the Father to his students as he prepares them for the sacraments.

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

Again this year, we are asking that you contribute gift cards and monetary gifts for those in need. Giving Tree contributions may be dropped in the collection boxes, mailed or delivered to the Parish Office. If you are contributing by check, simply note “Giving Tree” on the memo line of the check.



THANK YOU
for your generosity!



***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.

Elizabeth McBride Pope

daughter of

Nicholas & Abigail Pope

was Baptized
December 4, 2021



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab;
 Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
 Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

From Death to New Life



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
Irene Sullivan Ewing	December 16, 2011
Anna M. Nooney	December 16, 1995
Delphine Polk Gatch	December 17, 2007
Edward L. Bakewell, Jr.	December 18, 1993
Jim Good	December 18, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Rev. Edward Maginnis, S.J.
 5:00 p.m. Sr. Paula Marie Reiter, O.C.D.

Sunday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
 9:00 a.m. Ed O'Brien
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 13

7:00 a.m. William Stock

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 a.m. Doug Jones

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

Thursday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Bruce Selkirk, Jr.

Friday, December 17

7:00 a.m. Emil & Virginia Bollwerk

Saturday, December 18

7:00 a.m. C. James Good
 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. William Francis, Sr.
 and Family, Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 19

7:00 a.m. John Tines
 9:00 a.m. Celebant's Intention
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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