

# CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*A Roman Catholic Community*

50 W Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of Annunciation, united in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, is a welcoming community of people, loving, serving, and sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ.



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### Visitation Academy

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### Masses

Saturday (Sunday anticipated) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.  
*Holy Family Chapel in the Parish Center*

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena during Mass*

Holy Days of Obligation  
As announced

### Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., also by appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction*

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Chapel

## PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend James V. Teti, *Pastor*

Reverend Monsignor Richard F. Groncki    Reverend Donald K. Hummel  
*In Residence*

Reverend John Stanley Gomes, *Sunday Associate*

Mr. William Joyce, *Deacon*

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David Pfeiffer and Mary Sherry, *Trustees*



## A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One particular theme of parish life which hopefully sounds familiar is that of adult faith formation. For years now, the Church has sought to convey the sense to our people that learning about faith is truly a life-long endeavor and not only something we associate with children, young people, and those attending Catholic schools and religious education programs that prepare them for the sacraments. The studies we embrace early in our life invite further and deeper reflection and inquiry. Programs and ministries have sought to make such formation opportunities available, and have brought together adults of all ages into their activity. We have shared a number of such experiences through the years, and they have been enriching for the people of our parish. I was reminded of our running of the program "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron recently. Some of you shared in this fine overview of the faith through the DVDs and discussions sessions. I read a new book by Bishop Barron that was done in conjunction with the Catholic journalist, John Allen, who has covered the Church and the Vatican for years in the media. It helped me recall some of the sessions of that program and Barron's overall work with evangelization and ministry today. In fact, he has become, as some consider, the premier Catholic evangelist today, and particularly through his Word On Fire ministries. They have produced many programs including Catholicism, and a number are those which we are considering to offer for upcoming series here in our parish. Bishop Barron is a great teacher of the faith, with a keen capacity to explain its deep meaning and relevance for people today. He is particularly aware of the pastoral context today and the need for renewal and rediscovery throughout the Church.

As we consider offerings for the time ahead, and perhaps especially during Lent this year, I encourage you to always rekindle that longing for understanding, renewal, and growth in our faith journeys. As we learn and discover more, we trust that our love for God, our faith, and his people will grow as well. The archdiocese offers workshops and meetings to guide parishes in their planning of such ministries, and I look forward to taking part in one soon and finding more options for us to consider. Please always share your hopes and interests as we consider the great work of adult faith formation together. With the New Year here now and Lent some weeks away, it's truly fitting to think about what we can share as God's people, and discover those blessings through which our faith lives are nourished. Be assured of my prayers, especially, that the Lord will guide us together in our shared mission and work, leading us to discover how the pathway of life and faith unfolds before us in our daily experiences.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jim Teti

## Memorials

The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **Joseph Benvent** by Catherine and Jerry Knapp.

The altar bread was donated in memory of **Salvatore Pennisi** by his wife and children.

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The 7:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Holy Family Chapel.



*those in need of healing...*  
Judy Joyce

*those newly baptized*  
Luciano Esteban Laucella

*those who have entered new life...*  
Regina Sartori

*those serving our country...*

All men and women in our military, stationed here and abroad



## Readings for the Week



- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### Saturday, January 13

5:00 p.m. **Angela Saponaro** req. Donna Muscarella

### Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Frank Savino** req. his wife & family  
 10:30 a.m. **Eileen Furnari** req. Jason & Steven  
 12:00 p.m. **James Robert Girvan** req. Teddi Girvan

### Monday, January 15

7:30 a.m. **Larry Weindorf** req. Joan & Bob Sodickson

### Tuesday, January 16

7:30 a.m. **Dominic Busanic** req. his family

### Wednesday, January 17: Saint Anthony

7:30 a.m. **Ralph Muscarella, Sr.** req. Donna Muscarella

### Thursday, January 18

7:30 a.m. **Gerard McCrimlisk** req. Frank Quinn

### Friday, January 19

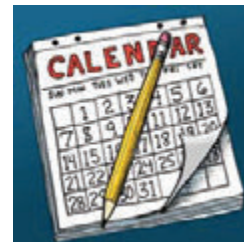
7:30 a.m. **Austin Healy** req. his daughter, Cathy

### Saturday, January 20: Saint Fabian / Saint Sebastian

9:00 a.m. **Mary Reger** req. her daughter, Carol  
 5:00 p.m. **Nancy Ambrosino** req. her co-workers

### Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Keller** req. the Trigani family  
 10:30 a.m. **Michael Cofnuk** req. the Cofnuk family  
 12:00 p.m. **Phyllis Samarro** req. the Samarro family



#### Key

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C = Church                      | P = Church Plaza              |
| CAF = School Cafeteria          | PH = Providence Hall          |
| GS = Gathering Space            | SC = School Classrooms        |
| HFC = Holy Family Chapel        | SG = School Gym               |
| LR = Parish Center Living Room  | UR = Parish Center Upper Room |
| MR = Parish Center Meeting Room | YR = Youth Room               |
| OH = O'Connor Hall              |                               |



Please remember to fill in the donation amount on your offertory envelope!

#### January 6-7

Income from 130 envelope users	\$ 4,088.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 4,601.00
Electronic giving (weekly average, 64 families)	\$ 2,040.14
Total weekly income	\$ 10,729.14
Mass attendance	463

### Monday, January 15

Parish Center closed  
 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Kitchen Teams – PH

### Tuesday, January 16

5:45 p.m. Men's Basketball – SG  
 7:45 p.m. Men's Basketball – SG

### Wednesday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Youth Group – YR  
 7:00 p.m. Rosary/Divine Mercy Devotional – HFC  
 7:00 p.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting – PH  
 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Council – OH

### Thursday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Kitchen Teams – PH  
 7:00 p.m. AA – OH

### Friday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Kitchen Teams – PH  
 12:30 p.m. Social Concerns Committee – OH

### Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Kitchen Teams & Distribution – PH



### Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministries will once again honor those couples in our archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. Anniversary liturgies will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 29 at 3:00 p.m. for 25 and 5 years

May 6 at 3:00 p.m. for 50 years

If you would like to be recognized at one of these liturgies, please contact Judy Fanelli at the Parish Center by April 6.

### Morning of Healing For Perinatal Loss

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield

Saturday, February 17, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or neo-natal death. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago are invited.

The agenda includes presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This morning is free of charge and babysitting is provided. Registration is required. Visit <http://events.rcan.org/perinatalloss> to register.

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"*

John 1:38

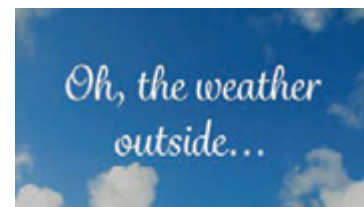
What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



### Giving Tree Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, over 400 gifts were delivered to 84 families at Christ the King Church in Jersey City. We were able to make Christmas a little merrier for those families in need.

A special thank you to all of the members of the Social Concerns Committee and volunteers who helped with the sign-ups, sorting and bagging of all of the gifts. We also greatly appreciate Frank Del Purgatorio, committee member, who drove the truck to Jersey City to deliver the gifts. We are blessed to have so many caring people in our parish.



... is perfect for sitting down, grabbing a blanket, and checking your cookbooks for your favorite soup, chili and stew recipes!

Save the date for the annual Super Bowl Soup Sale to be held on the weekend of February 3 and 4. Containers will be handed out with instructions on the weekend of January 27 and 28.



### **Open Houses**

222 Farview Avenue, Paramus

Sunday, January 21, 12:00p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Parents will have the opportunity to speak with the faculty and staff, tour the building and learn more about Visitation Academy. Come and learn why Visitation is a Blue Ribbon School and why they enjoy a positive reputation in the area and in the Archdiocese. It is also possible to arrange a visit by appointment. Visit [visitationacademyparamus.org](http://visitationacademyparamus.org), or call 201-262-6067.



Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Parish Center Directory**

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Chris Vaughn	Director of Maintenance		Ext. 109

**BAPTISM**

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

**RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

**VOCATIONS**

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore [www.rcan.org/vocation](http://www.rcan.org/vocation).

**MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND**

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

**INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

**VISITATION ACADEMY**

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit [www.visitationacademyparamus.org](http://www.visitationacademyparamus.org) or call 201-262-6067.

**INTENTION REQUESTS**

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.

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