

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

A Roman Catholic Community

50 West Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652



*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see
the salvation of God.*

Lk 3:4, 6

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018

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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 and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction*

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Chapel

PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend James V. Teti, *Pastor*

In Residence

Reverend Monsignor Richard F. Groncki • Reverend Donald K. Hummel

Sunday Associate

Reverend John Stanley Gomes

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CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, PARAMUS



Dear Parishioners,

Our Second Graders in faith formation celebrate First Reconciliation this weekend. We congratulate them, parents, and family members. Our faith formation program has helped prepare them for this special event in their faith journey, which included the recent reconciliation morning of reflection and workshop where they shared as a class and with their parents. I thank you for all of your prayers for families sharing their faith through the formation process and preparing our children and young people for the reception of the sacraments. Moments of grace such as these are especially meaningful and remind us of the great privilege that we all have to share our faith in the opportunities before us. Parents are aware of that gift and responsibility most especially, and how meaningful and encouraging it is for them to know of the love, support, and prayers of our parish families along the way. It's a time of renewal for us, and let us give thanks for God's abundant mercy, before which we come when we seek his forgiveness in the sacrament. While Advent is not a penitential season such as we find in Lent, still, in and through the waiting and watchfulness of this time when are able to reflect on our lives, we do become more and more aware of how the Lord's forgiveness is a grace to seek and embrace. It is especially appropriate to receive the sacrament before our Christmas celebration in the weeks ahead. I encourage you to take advantage of our regularly scheduled time for reconciliation on Saturday afternoons, or to contact one of our priests of the parish and arrange an alternative time. May the stillness and silence of Advent be a time of great hope and how the immense love of God has been shown forth in the mystery of our redemption he has worked in Christ the Lord.

And so may your Advent continue to be a season of blessings. Let us remember one another in daily prayer. As these weeks go forth, I am sure we will all be increasingly mindful of the busyness of the holiday season with gatherings, preparations, decorations, shopping, sending and receiving cards, and all the items associated with it. Still, let's make that room and space to observe Advent and approach it as an important part of our year. When we prepare for the Lord's coming, we discover how meaningful it is to welcome his abiding presence. So many gifts in our lives ask of our diligent and dutiful preparation, including our lives of faith and all the particular acts of faith that we can live out on a daily basis. We trust that Advent again this year will help us in our search and hopeful expectation of the daily encounters with God that are ours to cherish and share with brothers and sisters in faith.

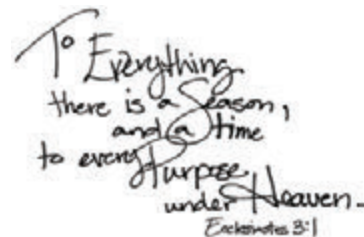
My recent retreat reminded me once more of the abundance of graces we discover as we prepare the way of the Lord in how we structure our lives. Perhaps in our quiet prayers each day we can find some retreat time through which an increasing awareness of his coming, in the many ways that it occurs, will deepen our hope and lead us ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim Teti



The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **Judy Joyce** by Jean and Susan Kusnic.

The altar candles were donated in memory of **Jay Johnson** by Adelaide and Peter Coughlin.



a time to enter new life...
Gertrude Miller, Esther Ramirez

a time to serve...

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

First Reconciliation

On December 8, the following boys and girls received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They experienced the joy and peace that comes from the sacrament.

Carmine Alampi
Noelle Capan
Jason Carmichael
Michael Casieri
Mikayla Castro
Adriana Cinnella
Matthew Cirillo
Sophia Crespo
Michael Custodio

Samuel Custodio
Michael DeVries
Giovanna DiNapoli
Jake Duardo
Aidan Dunn
Rene Estevez
Ryan Jarrett
Deacon LaGrone
Alexander Martinez

Nicholas Minervini
Gabriella Monteleone
Brayden Olivo
Brynn Santos
Sienna Savoia
Alessandro Scrivanich
Cooper Sherman
Tessa Tarabocchia
Rocco Tripodi

Their experience helps us to reflect on this merciful and joyful sacrament available to us. It is a moment of encounter with the mercy of God. If it has been awhile since your last confession, you may have questions about the Sacrament. The USCCB website has good information, resources and videos to help you rediscover the Sacrament of Penance.

We invite you to explore this site. Then come and experience the love and mercy of the Father through the sacrament of Reconciliation offered on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. or call Fr. Jim to setup a date and time.

Go to the USCCB website, under Prayer and Worship click onto Sacraments and Sacramentals. On the side menu, click onto Penance. There is some helpful information on this page. Then scroll down to the link "rediscover the Sacrament of Penance," for a video.

Table of Plenty Food Pantry



Table of Plenty Food Pantry will be providing Christmas Meal Baskets on Saturday, December 22 to the families registered with us for food assistance. In an effort to help meet each family's needs during this Christmas season, we are distributing after all Masses this weekend a "Meal Coupon" asking for your help in making this possible. Table of Plenty invites you to participate by providing the items requested on the "Meal Coupon" and returning them in the bag provided to Annunciation Church next weekend (Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16) when you arrive to attend Mass. We, and the families we assist, greatly appreciate your generosity. God bless you for the compassion in your hearts to help those in need.

"I will pour out My spirit upon all."
Acts 2:17

Our Giving

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



December 1-2

Income from 146 envelope users	\$ 4,771.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 1,255.00
Electronic giving (weekly average, 64 families)	\$ 2,040.99
Total weekly income	\$ 8,066.99
Retirement for the Religious collection	\$ 1,579.00
Mass attendance	559

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 8

5:00 p.m. Gerard Hayes req. Bernie Hayes & family

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John Potter req. Jeanne Weber
 10:30 a.m. Barbara Niland req. Brian Niland & children
 12:00 p.m. Bernard Zoch req. the Mysliwiec family

Monday, December 10: Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. Jay Johnson req. Barbara & Rich Lambert

Tuesday, December 11: Advent Weekday / St. Damasus I

7:30 a.m. Anthony Campanella req. the Windt family

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Uber & Soong families req. the Uber family

Thursday, December 13: Saint Lucy

7:30 a.m. John LoGiudice, Sr. req. the LoGiudice family

Friday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Tsoulpa req. Peg Moscarello

Saturday, December 15: Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Kenny & Greg Haskell req. the Trigani family
 5:00 p.m. Gerry Jaskot req. her family

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Patricia Voorhees req. Jacqueline O'Grady & family
 10:30 a.m. George Knights req. the Mysliwiec family
 12:00 p.m. Frank A. D'Andrea req. Cathy Miele

Just a reminder

Please adhere to the deadlines below in submitting articles for the following bulletins.

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
December 30	Thursday, December 13
January 6	Tuesday, December 18

Articles should be submitted to Judy Fanelli at the Parish Center, via email no later than 9:00 a.m. on the deadline date. Thank you.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Readings for the Week



- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: 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
- 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, 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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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

Monday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Table of Plenty – PH
 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Junior High & Confirmation – CAF, SC & SG

Tuesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Seniors – PH
 5:45 p.m. Men's Basketball – SG
 7:45 p.m. Men's Basketball – SG

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Youth Group – YR
 7:00 p.m. Rosary/Divine Mercy Devotional – HFC

Thursday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Table of Plenty – PH
 7:00 p.m. AA – OH

Friday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Table of Plenty – PH

Saturday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Table of Plenty – PH

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

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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.

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 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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