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Our Mission Statement:

The Church of the 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.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. James V. Teti, Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, In Residence

Rev. Donald K. Hummel, In Residence

Rev. John Stanley Gomes, Weekend Assistant

Gladys Pozza, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Robert Leichte, Youth Minister (in collaboration with Visitation parish)

Kimberly Harrigan, Principal, Visitation Academy

Mr. William Joyce, Deacon

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David Pfeiffer and Mary Sherry, Parish Trustees

Schedule of Masses and Devotions

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Sunday anticipated)

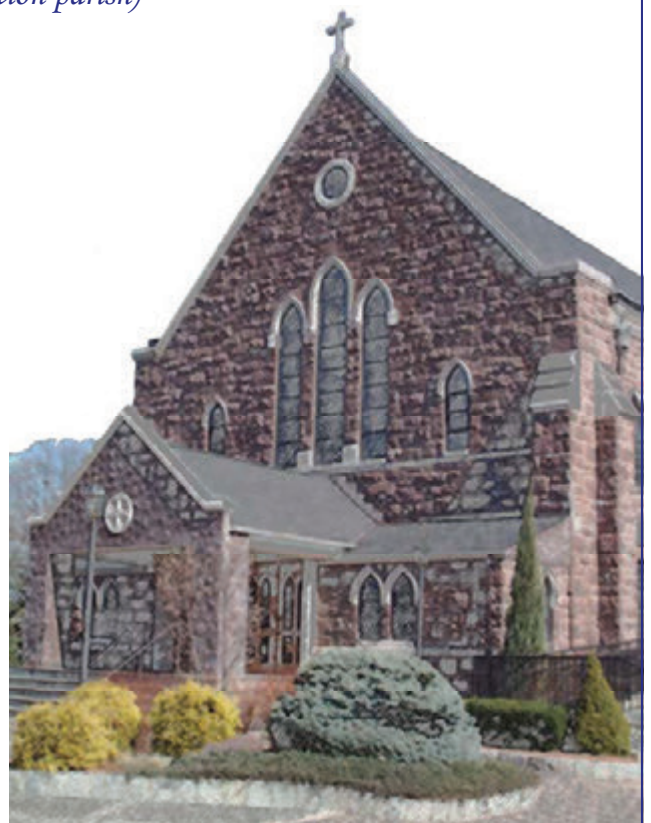
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m., with the Miraculous Medal Novena prayed during the Mass

Holy Days: 7:30 p.m. (vigil), 7:30 a.m., Noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Chapel during which time the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are prayed.





A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The month of September is a particularly appropriate time for us to pray and reflect upon the theme of stewardship in our lives of faith. With many aspects of parish life and ministry resuming after the break of Summer, it's ideal to ponder how God invites us to share our time, talent, and treasure with our Church. Looking back over the past year, I thank our families for sharing all that they have for yet another year.

Next month, I will speak about stewardship at Sunday Mass. Regarding stewardship of treasure, our parish finance council is finalizing the financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30. It will be submitted by the end of this month, and I will have the summary for you in October as well. This is for me always an opportunity to thank our people and to continue to encourage them in their sharing.

As for now, I invite you to bring into your prayer and reflection the stewardship theme. Our parish list of ministries, which is always available in the Gathering Space and in the Stewardship section of our parish website, provides a helpful summary of how we can all share in the life of our community. I encourage you to review it regularly and consider prayerfully how our Lord may be calling you to participate. I also invite you to share your thoughts with fellow parishioners and particularly the heads of various ministries listed in the directory. The encouragement that we can offer to each is so important in leading one another more and more into all that we live as people of faith. Please share with me as well and others on our parish staff any thoughts you have or any questions about becoming more involved. We also can together explore new ministries that perhaps we have not considered before. We all should feel welcome to share our ideas with one another and allow God's spirit to guide us ahead in our work together as his people.

I am always so grateful for all that you share as parishioners of Annunciation Church. It's a regular part of our lives to consider how we are living that invitation to stewardship and the ways that it can deepen and grow. I join with you in praying for another fruitful year in ministry and Catholic life here in our community. Called forth by the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus and with all the different resources that our people bring forth, we can together share so much to give glory to God and help build the life of his kingdom in our world and among us, here in this place.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim Teti

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

Archdiocese of Newark
Men's 192nd Cursillo

"Seeing through the Eyes of Faith"

Archdiocesan Youth Center, Kearny, NJ

Thursday, September 28 - Sunday, October 1, 2017

This year's Annunciation team members are Steve Uber, Richard Sinsicalchi, Ron Pepson, and Ralph Amato.

This year's candidates are Michael Monticello and Bryan Uber. For information, contact Ron Pepson at 201-663-3234 or rpepson52@gmail.com.

The Women's Cursillo weekend will be held October 26 to October 29. To learn more about Cursillo, or sign up, visit www.mycursillo.com.

Beatification of Father Stanley Rother

September 23, 2017

Oklahoma Priest, Missionary and Martyr



An Oklahoma farm boy, Father Stanley Francis Rother was born March 27, 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma. Ordained a priest for what was then the Diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa, he served in the diocese's mission in Guatemala for 13 years. Seeking justice in the midst of a protracted civil war, Father Rother fought courageously for the well-being of his people in combating a culture that was excessively hostile to the Catholic Church.

Being a normal child raised on a farm, Stanley worked hard doing the required chores, attended school, played sports, was an altar server and enjoyed the activities associated with growing up in a small town. While in high school, he began to discern the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. He was accepted as a seminarian and was sent to Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas. The journey to ordination was not without its challenges. More practical than academic by nature, young Stanley struggled with Latin, which at the time was a critical requirement since the entire curriculum was being taught in Latin. Due to his difficulties, he was asked to leave the seminary as his grades were inadequate. He sought the counsel of Bishop Victor Reed. It was decided that Stanley would be allowed a second chance, enrolling at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He graduated from the Mount and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1963 and served as an associate pastor for five years in Oklahoma. Heeding the call of Pope John XXIII, he sought and received permission to join the staff at the diocese's mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

Father Rother's connection with the people of Santiago Atitlan was immediate. He served the native tribe of the Tz'utujil, who are decedents of the Mayans. In order to serve his people, Father Rother had to speak Spanish and the Tz'utujil language. He not only learned both languages, but his working knowledge of Tz'utujil enabled him to celebrate Mass in their language and help translate the New Testament. Tz'utujil was not a written language until the Oklahoma mission team arrived and so, despite his past issues with Latin, what he accomplished was remarkable.

As the years passed, Father Rother tried to live a simpler life to be in communion with his people. He was surrounded by extreme poverty with the Tz'utujil living in one-room huts growing what they could on their small plots of land. Father Rother ministered to his parishioners in their homes; eating with them, visiting the sick and aiding them with medical problems. He even put his farming skills to use by helping them in the fields, bringing in different crops, and building an irrigation system.

While he served in Guatemala, a civil war raged between the militarist government forces and the guerrillas. The Catholic Church was caught in the middle due to its insistence on catechizing and educating the people. During this conflict thousands were killed. For a time, the violence was contained in the cities, but it soon came to the highlands and Santiago Atitlan. Catechists began to disappear, people slept in the church for protection and death lists began to circulate in the towns. Eventually, Father Rother's name appeared on the death list after a parishioner from an Oklahoma parish sent a complaint about Father Rother to the Guatemalan embassy, saying he was advocating for the overthrow of the government in his preaching by supporting his local residents. For his safety and that of his associate, Father Rother returned home to Oklahoma. He didn't stay long. He was determined to give his life completely to his people, stating that "the shepherd cannot run." Returning to Santiago Atitlan, he continued the work of the mission. Within a few months of his return, three men entered the rectory around 1:00 a.m. on July 28, 1981, fought with him and then executed him. His death shocked the Catholic world. No one was ever held responsible.

From the onset of his death, the people of Santiago Atitlan, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa have believed that Father Rother died for the faith. His cause for canonization was opened in 2007. On December 2, 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized Father Rother as a martyr for the faith. He is the first American-born martyr and the first U.S. priest to be beatified. Cardinal Angelo Amato will celebrate the Rite of Beatification this weekend, Saturday, September 23, in the Cox Convention Center, downtown Oklahoma City.

Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us.

Our Giving

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

September 16-17

Income from 150 envelope users	\$ 5,241.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 1,008.00
Electronic giving (weekly average, 64 families)	\$ 2,069.37
Total weekly income	\$ 8,318.37
Collection for Catholic University of America	\$ 835.00
Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$ 3,646.00
Mass attendance	492



Key

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	

Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Kitchen Teams – PH
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation, Grades 7 –8, Students & Parents – C

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

3:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Columbian Club– PH
7:00 p.m. Rosary/Divine Mercy Devotional – HFC

Thursday, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

6:00 p.m. Cursillo Welcome Back – PH

Memorials

The sanctuary lamps and altar candles were donated in memory of **Kevin Spatz** by Chrissy and Jim Tiedemann.

The altar bread and altar wine were donated in memory of **Deacon Joseph Niland** by Mary Sherry.



Saturday, September 23

5:00 p.m. **MaryAnn Siniscalchi** req. Ferd & MaryAnn Raphael

Sunday, September 24: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Catherine Kravitz** req. the Remes family
10:30 a.m. **Richard Turpin** req. Margaret & James Cullinane
12:00 p.m. **Marie Zaukere** req. Judy & Bill Joyce

Monday, September 25

7:30 a.m. **Michael Wyssenski** req. his parents

Tuesday, September 26: Saints Cosmas and Damian

7:30 a.m. **Caterina Bussanich** req. John Bussanich

Wednesday, September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul

7:30 a.m. **Virginia Saponaro** req. Donna Muscarella

Thursday, September 28: Saint Wenceslaus / Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

7:30 a.m. **Deacon Joseph Niland** req. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Morich

Friday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

7:30 a.m. **In honor of Saint Michael** req. Linda & Dan Conway

Saturday, September 30: Saint Jerome

9:00 a.m. **MaryAnn Siniscalchi** req. the Ray family
5:00 p.m. **Deacon Joseph Niland** req. Fr. Jim & the Annunciation Parish Staff

Sunday, October 1: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Patricia A. Maisano** req. her husband & family
10:30 a.m. **Deacon Joseph Niland** req. Sheila & Jim Criscione & family
12:00 p.m. **MaryAnn Siniscalchi** req. Mr. & Mrs. R. LaBarbiera

a time to be healed...
Judy Joyce

a time to be born...
Olivia Rose Incitti

a time to enter new life...
Cecelia Bentz

and a time to sewe...
All men and women in our military, stationed both here and abroad



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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Gladys Pozza	Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation	gladysp@annunciationchurch.org	201-261-4119
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.

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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 THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION (50 WEST MIDLAND AVENUE, PARAMUS)

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