

Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:30 AM
5:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:45 AM (except in July & August)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM, 12:05 PM

Holy Days of Obligation:
7:30 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:30 PM

Holy Hour Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Private confession is available

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for dates and family orientation.

Marriage: Diocesan Common Policy requires that the Parish be notified one year in advance of intention to marry. Pre-Cana is also required at St. Paul Inside the Walls.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Anytime by request. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the Parish Office at 973-694-5700. All calls are kept confidential.

Bilingual sacraments are available upon request.

PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND LAY VOCATIONS

If God calling you to a life of service as a Priest, or Religious, please contact Fr. Ed Rama at the Vocation Office of our Diocese of Paterson: 973-777-2955 or speak to our Pastor.

PLEASE NOTE

The Sanctuary is not a place for greeting and socializing. Please show your reverence and respect for Jesus in the Eucharist when in the Sanctuary.

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020**

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 4-Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 p.m. +Angela McCluskey by Maureen Passarella

Sunday, January 5-Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish
10:00 a.m. +Deacon Joe Crowley
by Janice & Mike DeBenedetto
11:45 a.m. +Raymond Vena, Sr.
by Jim & Laura Lampariello

Monday, January 6-St. Andre Bessette, religious
7:30 a.m. +William Botzum & +Katherine Botzum
by family
12:05 p.m. +Jay Frost by Alice Sujkowski

Tuesday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penafort, priest
7:30 a.m. +Anthony Lacatena by loving wife, Cathy
birthday remembrance
12:05 p.m. +Lee Juchniewicz & Mary Steiner
by Fran Juchniewicz

Wednesday, January 8
7:30 a.m. +Joseph Melz by friend, Margot Sclavounos
12:05 p.m. +Jay Frost by the Gemma family

Thursday, January 9
7:30 a.m. +Annette Lopreiato by Nancy & Gene Pierinelli
12:05 p.m. +Frank & Frances Reihl by Fran Juchniewicz

Friday, January 10
7:30 a.m. for the sick
12:05 p.m. for the intentions of Annie Struble on the
anniversary of her baptism love, mom & dad

Saturday, January 11
8:30 a.m. +Jay Frost by Tom & Mary Dempsey
Vigil, Baptism of the Lord
5:30 p.m. +Deacon Joe Crowley by Fran Juchniewicz

Sunday, January 12-Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish
10:00 a.m. for the intentions of Janet & Paul DiPetrillo
25th wedding anniversary
11:45 a.m. +Anthony Bianciella
by Jim & Laura Lampariello

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Jan. 5: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon., Jan. 6: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues., Jan. 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wed., Jan. 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thu., Jan. 9: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri., Jan. 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sat., Jan. 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sun., Jan. 12: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

The Epiphany Of The Lord, January 4,5

97 O Come, All Ye Faithful
104 We Three Kings
322 Gift Of Finest Wheat
98 Angels We Have Heard On High

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**They opened their treasures
and offered
him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.
— Matthew 2:11b**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 – 5:30 P.M.

LECTOR: George Halas

SERVER:

EMHC: Lou Zecca, Barbara Esser, Carrie Fohlinger

GREETER: Fohlinger family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 – 8:00 A.M.

LECTOR: Eva May

SERVER: Bernadette, Miguel & Raphael Enriquez

EMHC: Theresa DeSalvatore,

Alex & Carmela Enriquez

GREETER: Joanne Antinora, Chuck Donovan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 – 10:00 A.M.

LECTOR: Greg Frost

SERVER: Liam Sacopaso, Jackson Scura,

Sebastian Vargas

EMHC: Greg & Trish Frost, Rick Bunker

GREETER: Bunker family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 – 11:45 A.M.

LECTOR: Rachel Jones

SERVER: Alexandra Schmitt

EMHC: Susana Schmitt, Nancy Cataneo

GREETER: Cataneo family

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Dec. 22, 2019

Amt. of Collection.....\$5,707.00

From 122 Envelopes.....\$3,670.00

Online Giving.....\$1,110.00

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first
fruits of your produce.” (Prov 3:9)*

*The Diocesan Assessment collection will be taken next week-
end. Please make your contributions payable to Annuncia-
tion Church.*

Remember Annunciation Parish in Your Will

Please Pray for Our Sick

*Dear Father of love and mercy, hear our prayers for
the sick members of our community and for all who are in
need:*

Dave Murphy, Evelyn Boissonneault,
Bernadette Jaros, Dora Sannasardo, Hank Os-
wald, Fr. Dan Kelly, Msgr. Mark Giordani,
Gianna Matthews, Jim Piatti, Don Molino, Sil-
vio Peroni, Jim Maloy and Carl Mottola.



Parish Food Pantry

*Our parish collects food for the needy every week-
end. Please bring nonperishable food and offer it as
your gift to those in need.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD “WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE”

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord always captivates the imagination. All of those most important in the history of the birth of Christ are present at the Epiphany: the newborn Christ child – Jesus, and Mary but another figure is also present and he remains in darkness even as the Christ child comes to bring light. Jesus, the infant Savior, comes to us simply with love to bring us salvation and hope. The Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, adores her newborn Savior, her son, and she must wonder what the future holds for him since the events surrounding his birth have been so miraculous. King Herod is filled with jealousy and rage as he worries that some alien power has slipped into his kingdom to usurp his primacy. The little town of Bethlehem where humble shepherds followed the message of angels and went to adore the newborn Messiah now becomes a place of intrigue and danger. The Three Kings, The Magi, are mysterious figures seeking wisdom and truth in the tidings of a miraculous star that has captivated their hearts. The Magi represent the wideness of Christ’s mission of mercy; they represent the gentile world and tell us that the Lord Jesus has come to be the Savior of all people.

The Magi, traditionally named Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior teach us about God’s presence revealed to us in the person of his only Son, Jesus Christ. Like the Magi, we have seen his “star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2:2). The presence of the Son of God among us calls us to do homage to him with the gifts of faith, hope, and love that he first gives to us so generously. We are not merely spectators at the Incarnation; we are to actively follow his star like the Magi and to recall that we are his co-workers with him.

The revelation of the presence of the Son of God in human flesh was a gradual process. God revealed Jesus as his Son over time. The same may be said of God’s presence in our own lives; we gradually come to understand how God is at work in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit and the strength and guidance that we find in God’s word and his sacramental presence, especially in the Blessed Eucharist. God gives us all of the gifts that we require in order to respond to his invitation to friendship and communion.

Saint Paul writes encouraging words in his letter to the Ephesians that we hear proclaimed in this liturgy. Like Paul, the revelation of God’s love has been made known to us and we are called to be stewards of his grace for one another. God is extravagant with his love for us but the story of the Incarnation shows that some had their hearts closed to the power of his love from the very beginning.

One of the most interesting and sad characters that we meet on Epiphany is King Herod. With all of his wealth and power, Herod remained an insecure and jealous man. Learning of the birth of the Christ, Herod does not see an invitation from God for friendship and communion; rather Herod sees this expression of God’s love made known in the Incarnation as producing a potential rival to his earthly power. Saint Matthew’s gospel describes Herod’s reaction to the birth of Christ and the arrival of the Magi seeking to pay homage to the Prince of Peace in this way: “When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him” (Matthew 2:3). And so Herod develops a devious plot to destroy the Christ child and he hopes to use the Magi in order to carry out his plans. Herod believes himself to be so clever that he will be able to thwart

God’s plans for the Messiah as he begins his life: “Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage’” (2:8). The Magi are not led by Herod but by the star bearing the light of God’s truth. The Magi pay homage to the divine infant with gifts that are fit for a king, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God intervenes in the lives of the Magi and so protects the life of the newborn Messiah: “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way” (2:12). God’s plans for salvation are not thwarted by the pathetic figure of Herod who himself could have been the beneficiary of God’s saving power, like anyone else, had he not been intent on living

only for himself and his own plans. The Magi are open to God’s plans and so they are among the first to see the manifestation, the revelation, of God’s presence in the infant Christ.

In his 2015 homily for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, our Holy Father, Pope Francis spoke of the importance of this feast in examining our own lives of faith:

Along the way, the wise men encountered many difficulties. Once they reached Jerusalem, they went to the palace of the king, for they thought it obvious that the new king would be born in the royal palace. There they lost sight of the star. How often sight of the star is lost! And, having lost sight of the star, they met with a temptation, placed there by the devil: it was the deception of Herod. King Herod was interested in the child, not to worship him but to eliminate him. Herod is the powerful man who sees others only as rivals. Deep down, he also considers God a rival, indeed the most dangerous rival of all. In the palace the wise men experience a moment of obscurity, of desolation, which they manage to overcome thanks to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who speaks through the prophecies of sacred Scripture. These indicate that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem, the city of David.

At that point they resume their journey, and once more they see the star; the evangelist says that they ‘rejoiced exceedingly’ (Mt 2:10). Coming to Bethlehem, they found ‘the child with Mary his mother’ (Mt 2:11). After that of Jerusalem, this was their second great temptation: to reject this smallness. But instead, ‘they fell down and worshiped him,’ offering him their precious symbolic gifts. Again, it is the grace of the Holy Spirit which assists them. That grace, which through the star had called them and led them along the way, now lets them enter into the mystery. The star which led them on the journey allows them to enter into the mystery. Led by the Spirit, they come to realize that God’s criteria are quite different from those of men, that God does not manifest himself in the power of this world, but speaks to us in the humbleness of his love. God’s love is great. God’s love is powerful. But the love of God is humble, yes, very humble. The wise men are thus models of conversion to the true faith, since they believed more in the goodness of God than in the apparent splendor of power.

And so we can ask ourselves: what is the mystery in which God is hidden? Where can I find him? All around us we see wars, the exploitation of children, torture, trafficking in arms, trafficking in persons... In all these realities, in these, the least of our brothers and sisters who are enduring these difficult situations, there is Jesus (cf. Mt 25:40,45). The crib points us to a different path from the one cherished by the thinking of this world: it is the path of God’s self-abasement, that humility of God’s love by which he abases himself, he completely lowers himself, his glory concealed in the manger of Bethlehem, on the cross upon Calvary, in each of our suffering brothers and sisters.

The wise men entered into the mystery. They passed from human calculations to the mystery: this was their conversion. And our own? Let us ask the Lord to let us undergo that same journey of conversion experienced by the wise men. Let us ask him to protect us and to set us free from the temptations which hide the star. To let us always feel the troubling question: ‘Where is the star?’ whenever – amid the deceptions of this world – we lose sight of it. To let us know ever anew God’s mystery, and not to be scandalized by the ‘sign,’ that sign spoken of by the angels, which points to ‘a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger’ (Lk 2:12), and to have the humility to ask the Mother, our Mother, to show him to us. To find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our ‘lights,’ and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, Lumen, like the holy wise men. May we enter into the mystery. So may it be. Amen.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Epiphany we pray for the grace to use our lives for cooperation with God’s plan. When we open our hearts to the presence of God’s love in our lives, the fullness of our lives and our experience of peace only grows. The only lasting power is the power of God’s love, made manifest in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that we may be led by the star of heaven, do homage to the Christ child through our acts of sacrifice for the good of others and in so doing make the presence of Christ known to the world. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord invites us to open our eyes to God’s presence among us in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to respond to the action of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us with his gifts.

Annual Epiphany Concert & Carol Sing
Sunday January 5, 2020 - 2:00pm



Featuring:
The Parish Choir
Cantors and Musicians

Celebrate the Christmas Season in Song
from Advent through Epiphany!

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Altar Flower Donatton

The flowers on the altar of our Blessed Mother were donated for the intentions of Felix John Versoza. Birthday blessings. by Joe & Vicki Versoza.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Gr. 1-6 Rel. Ed. 8:45 a.m.

Society for the Poor mtg. 11:00 a.m. classroom 6

Knights of Columbus mtg. 11:15 a.m. classroom 7

Epiphany concert 2:00 p.m. church

Antioch Team mtg. 4:00-6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Bible Study: Psalms; the School of Prayer 7:00 p.m.
community room

Youth Ministry mtg. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Bible Study: Psalms; the School of Prayer 10:00 a.m.
community room

Staff mtg. 3:00 p.m. Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Holy Hour 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Choir rehearsal 5:30-6:30 p.m. church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Stray Day retreat 9:15-11:30 a.m. community room

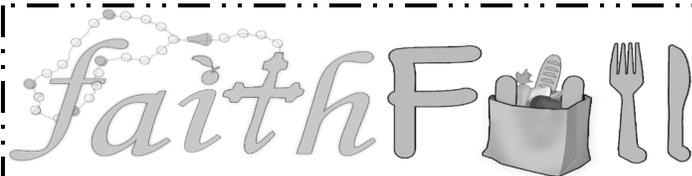
Confession 4:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Gr. 1-6 Rel. Ed. 8:45 a.m.

Antioch Team mtg. 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Gr. 7-8 Rel. Ed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.



2020 YEAR OF THE POOR FOOD DRIVE

ANNUNCIATION SOCIETY FOR THE POOR

Our mission is to have people experience the loving embrace of God. So, we do this by our acts of charity.

**PLEASE USE THE BAGS PROVIDED TO HELP
FEED FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCE HUNGER.**

The collection of your bags of food will happen at each Mass over the next two weekends....

SAT., JAN. 11 & SUN., JAN. 12

SAT., JAN. 18 & SUN., JAN. 19

Suggested items.... **Canned** foods

Tuna Fish, Vegetables, Soups, Potatoes, Beans
Vegetable and fruit juice

Tomato products (Spaghetti Os, ravioli, etc.)

Spaghetti sauce, Pasta

Mixed fruit, peaches, pears, etc.

Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Jelly

**Your generosity is the loving
embrace of God and neighbor.
Thank you!**

In Appreciation

It's Christmas, and it's good to acknowledge the Christmas hearts of our parish. I look at your Christmas faces, and I say thank you. You are people with open hearts.

I open my heart in gratitude to all the people who beautified and decorated our sanctuary and gardens; the Knights of Columbus who set up outdoor lights and the manger in front of the church; to the choir, vocalists, and musicians, under the direction of Mrs. Irina Robinson, who led us in raising our joy to God in song; our parishioners and others who do not belong to the parish, who so thoughtfully supported the Giving Tree and to the Youth Ministry, who worked on this project by organizing and distributing gifts and food cards.

I am grateful to the catechists, who are spreading the knowledge of Christ's word all year long, and all the other parochial groups and their team of volunteers, who assist the parish in so many ways.

I appreciate the Parish Pastoral Council Members and our Finance Committee whose time and input keep the parish running smoothly.

Thank you to the ushers, Coffee Sunday team, Altar servers, Youth Ministry, money counters, liturgical ministers and ministers of care.

I recognize with thanks the work of Mrs. Trish Frost, who is at the service of the parish.

Thank you all for loving God and His holy Church.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Elise Rossbach 973-930-4767
erossbach@optonline.net

Meetings: The next Youth Ministry meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th. Please join us from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Antioch Room. All high school teens are welcome to join us.

Antioch XVIII team meetings will be held on Sundays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Antioch room beginning January 5th.

Service: Frozen Food for the Working Poor
 Volunteers are needed to help distribute aluminum pans, lids and recipes to our parishioners after each mass the weekend of Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd. Please see Elise to sign up. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Frozen Food for the Working Poor – Drop Off
 Volunteers are needed to help collect prepared meals on Saturday, February 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please see Elise to sign up. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Souper Bowl of Caring
 Join us after each mass the weekend of Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd to help raise funds for our local food pantries. Volunteers will receive Confirmation service hours.

Events: Movie Night
 Join us for a movie night on Monday, January 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All high school teens are invited to attend.

Antioch XVIII
 March 27, 28 and 29, 2020. Save the date!

RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

January 5

Grades 1-6: 8:45-9:50 a.m. class, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Grades 7-8: No Class

Grade 9-10: No Class

January 12

Grades 1-6: 8:45-9:50 a.m. class, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Grades 7-8: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Grades 9-10: No Class

January 19

Grades 1-6: No Class

Grades 7-8: No Class

Grades 9-10: No Class

January 26

Grades 1-6: 8:45-9:50 a.m. class, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Grade 2 Parent Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

Grades 7-8: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Grades 9-10: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PRIME TIMER TRIPS

Thursday, April 2, 2020: Pennsylvania Amish Lands featuring “Queen Esther” at Sight & Sound Theater.

Cost is \$140 per person due by Feb. 10, 2020 and includes performance of *Queen Esther*, lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant, shopping as time allows, taxes, meal gratuities, and motorcoach transportation.

Sunday to Sunday, April 26-May 3, 2020: 7-Night Southern Caribbean Cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean *Freedom of the Seas*. Fly from Newark to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Destinations include Philipsburg, St. Maarten, Basseterre, St. Kits & Nevis, St. Johns, Antigua, Castries, St. Lucia, and Bridgetown, Barbados.

Cost of \$1,763.00 per person includes inside cabin, all meals on board the ship, morning & afternoon snacks, services of a Cruise Director, Cabin Steward, Health & Fitness Center, nightly entertainment, Las Vegas-style casino, swimming pool & sporting activities, room service available (limited hours) and port taxes. \$250 deposit per person due with reservation. Final payment due Jan. 7, 2020.

For information, itineraries, or reservations please call Eva May at 973-696-5427.

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