

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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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
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Reverend John Stanley Gomes, *Sunday Associate*

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CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION, PARAMUS



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Again this weekend, I would like to thank you for your prayers and sentiments of congratulations for our newly-ordained deacon, parishioner Bernie Hayes. It was a joy to experience his ordination liturgy as well as his serving for the first time as deacon at the 12:00 p.m. Mass last Sunday, during which he assisted at the altar, proclaimed the Gospel, and offered the homily. Well done Bernie! We look forward to his continued ministry among us in the time ahead. It will be a blessing indeed for the parish. Parishioners have shared in his journey through prayer, acts of kindness, and a whole variety of parish ministries through which clergy are formed and our people are truly an important part of the process. And so to our families, thank you for being at Deacon Bernie's side over these last few years. Those of us who are ordained appreciate so much how the experiences of faith with and among God's people are formative for the road that the clergy follow during their years of training and long thereafter. For several decades now, our parish has been a place where diaconal ministry has flourished and persisted. Please know that as the Church, all have helped to bring that grace into the ongoing history of our community. Let's pray for all the newly ordained deacons, both permanent and transitional, as well as our new priests, and auxiliary bishops here in the archdiocese. Even though there were delays this Spring due to the pandemic, the expected ordinations have now been completed and the service of those ordained begins. Attendance at the ceremonies was limited, but many viewed from online and shared in these prayer and grace-filled events. We join with all of our brothers and sisters in faith in embracing the blessings that those called to serve through Holy Orders will help bring forth in God's work.

Last weekend also saw more of our people joining for Sunday Mass in these continued weeks of reopening the churches. It was good to see them back. Of course, many have not yet returned, and we understand the concern for everyone's ongoing assessment of the safety of themselves, loved ones, and of people everywhere. We pray that measures undertaken will further see the pandemic coming under control, and increasing the prospect of safety for gatherings that include so much activity, including that of parish life and ministry. I encourage all our families to participate in sacrificial giving, whether they are attending Mass at this time or viewing it at home on television or the internet. As you can imagine, our Sunday collections have been much lower over the past four months due to the closing of our churches, and now, the limits and restrictions of the reopening. Our parish expenses continue, however, and we need the support of more of our people. For those who cannot bring their offertory envelopes to Mass, I ask that you send yours to the Parish Center by mail. You can also drop them off in the mail boxes at both the Parish Center and the Rectory. As we've reminded ourselves so often, it takes a great deal of financial support to sustain the blessings of parish ministry, staff, and facilities. I encourage all to do what they can and share the responsibility as one family. I am truly grateful for all the ways that you give and help build the life of God's Kingdom here in our midst.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,
Fr. Jim Teti

Prayer Intentions

...for those in need of healing...

Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski, Carole Siekmann

...for those serving during the coronavirus...

our first responders, medical & healthcare professionals,
mail carriers and delivery services, grocery store workers,
& all other essential workers.

for our newly ordained

deacons, priests and auxiliary bishops



The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **John Derderian** by Ann and Ed Babilot.

JULY 19, 2020

Guide to Daily Prayer this Week

This Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we are reminded that God has sown good seed, but, of course, an enemy has sown weeds in the same field. We are not supposed to go out there judgmentally pulling up weeds, but to leave judgment to God. The way the Kingdom of God grows is the way tiny seeds grow and the way yeast makes dough rise: it is surprising and slow and almost imperceptible. If we have ears, we ought to hear.

Wednesday we remember St. Mary Magdalene. Saturday is the feast of St. James, the Apostle. Both days have their own special readings.

The first readings this week, except for the feasts, are from the Book of the Prophet Micah and end on Saturday with readings from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, through next week and into the week afterwards.

We'll continue to read from Matthew's Gospel this week. The scribes and Pharisee ask Jesus for a sign to prove his credentials. He says that the only sign will be his death and resurrection. Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the sower. When asked why he speaks in parables, Jesus answers that the simple and those with open hearts will hear and understand. Then Jesus explains the parable: the importance of rich soil. Just so, the Son of Man "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." On the Feast of St. James, we hear how the apostles miss the message of Jesus and are arguing about who is the greatest. He says, "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave."

On the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see how God admires Solomon because he asked for wisdom rather than riches. Jesus is the source of God's wisdom and teaches us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. We imagine the passion of one discovering a treasure buried in a field or finding a pearl of great value, sacrificing everything to buy what is so deeply desired. A dragnet hauls in fish that can nourish others as well as what is not useful for others. Jesus invites us into deeper reflection on what we value and prepares us for our mission.

"Comparisons are odious," is a well-known piece of wisdom. It is helpful to be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciples is not about comparing ourselves with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other. It is about being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in my life and for the grace to be servant as Jesus is servant.

The parable of the sower can be a wonderful source of reflection this week. We can do it in a variety of ways, but it might be helpful to just take one kind of soil to reflect on each day. Each day we can begin -- as we first get out of bed, in the shower, while dressing, eating, driving, walking from one place to another, shopping -- by asking for the grace to understand how parts of me are like this soil.

Seed sown on the hard path. I can ask to know how the Word is simply stolen away from my heart. What is hard hearted in me? What hardens me? How am I not open? What saps my spirits, my hope, my faith?

Seed sown on rocky ground. I can ask to know how I sometimes initially receive the Word readily, even with joy, but my lack of deep roots lead to my losing heart, when troubles come? When do I lose courage? How do I believe the Word but fail to pay the price for living it? How can I develop deeper roots?

Seed sown among thorns. I can ask for the grace to know how I initially welcome the Word, but let anxieties and the lure of riches choke the Word so it can't bear fruit. What kind of worldly anxieties trouble me? What kind of attractions, possessions, addictions affect my freedom and peace? What grace in me isn't bearing fruit? How can I be freer, live more simply, with more surrender?

Seed sown on rich soil. I can ask for the grace to hear the Word and understand it and to bear much fruit. What will help me, prepare me to be more receptive? What environment, activities, service will help?

Each night, we can give thanks for these reflections that help us examine our daily lives and grow in love, in freedom and in fruitfulness.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 18

5:00 p.m. **Robert Delgado** req. Bernie & Kris Hayes

Sunday, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Patricia Forte** req. Peter & Adelaide Coughlin

12:00 p.m. **Linda Clough** req. Fr. Jim & the Annunciation staff

Monday, July 20: Saint Apolinaris

7:30 a.m. **Ruth & Joseph Benvent** req. Catherine & Jerry Knapp

Tuesday, July 21: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

7:30 a.m. **Linda Clough** req. the Uber family

Wednesday, July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene

7:30 a.m. **For the intention of our law enforcement officials**

Thursday, July 23: Saint Bridget

7:30 a.m. **Thomas Fragassi** req. Mary Angelo

Friday, July 24: Saint Sharbel Makhluf

7:30 a.m. **Michael & Stephen Wyssenski** req. their parents

Saturday, July 25: Saint James

9:00 a.m. **Frances, Frankie, & Pat Carlin** req. Nancy Bolsom

5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the O'Leary & Obermaier families** req. Carolyn & Michael O'Leary

Sunday, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Frank Conway** req. Linda & Dan Conway

10:30 a.m. **Virginia Borgese** req. the Leckey family

12:00 p.m. **Linda Clough** req. the Monticello family

Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything.

St. Vincent Pallotti

Readings for the Week



Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Our Giving



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

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

July 4-5

Income from 71 envelope users	\$ 3,515.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 370.00
Electronic giving (weekly average, 58 families)	\$ 1,968.38
Total weekly income	\$ 5,853.38

July 11-12

Income from 64 envelope users	\$ 3,382.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 741.65
Electronic giving (weekly average, 58 families)	\$ 1,968.38
Total weekly income	\$ 6,092.03
Archdiocesan Retired Priests Collection	\$ 673.00

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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