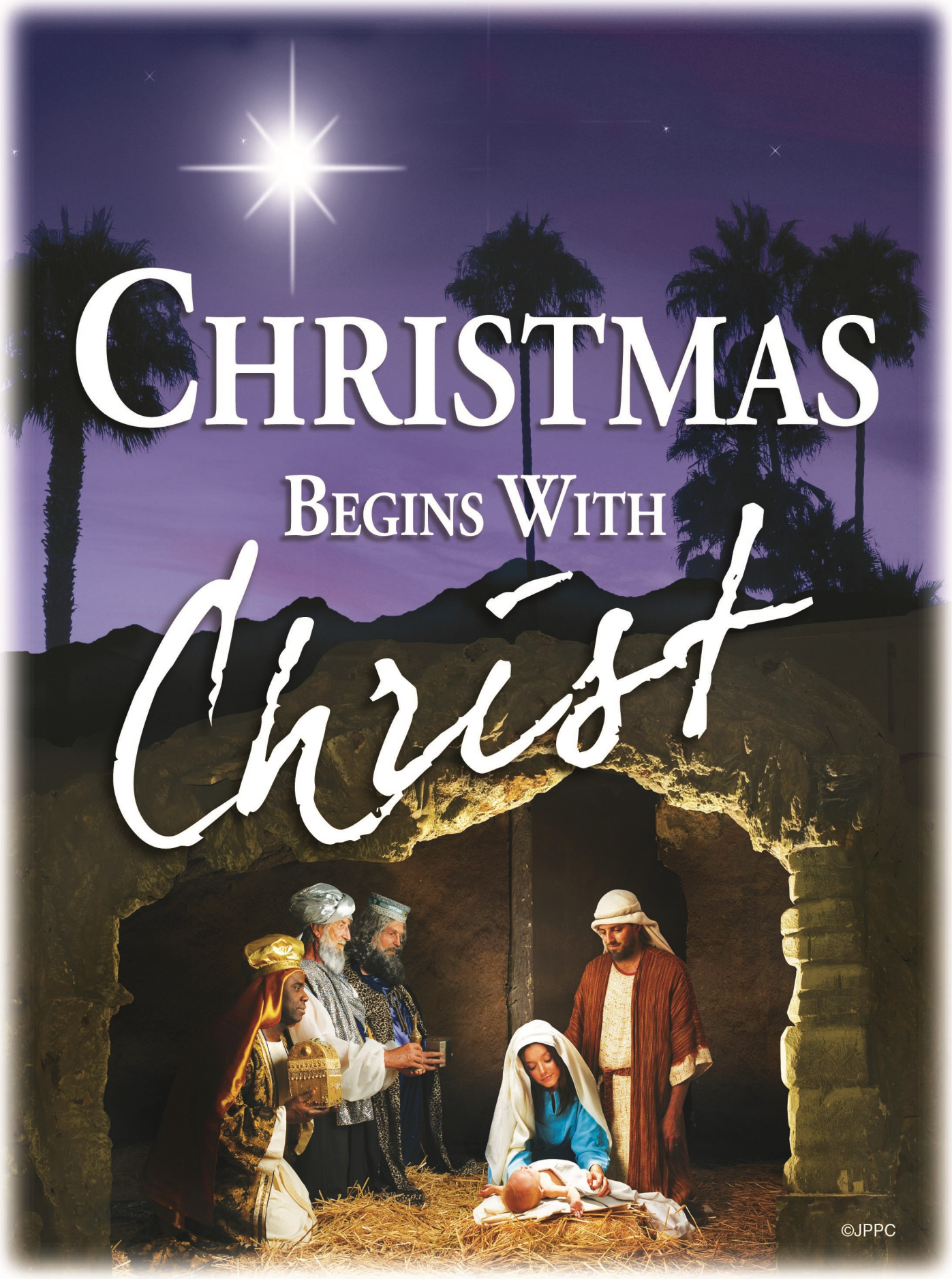
CHRISTMAS
BEGINS WITH
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Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact Pastoral Associate Deacon Jim Tanguay at: deaconjimt@annunciationnewington.com or call (860) 666-1591, ext. 104.

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the rectory for an initial meeting and a parent preparation session.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed with your parish.

For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound. If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.

DALY NOTES

We know that Christmas is going to look a lot different for everyone this year. Due to the current capacity limits, Christmas Masses will be strictly limited to 100 people. Attendance at all Christmas Masses will require a valid ticket. Reserved tickets can be picked up after all Masses this weekend. Tickets will not be available at the church doors on the day/time of the Masses. Mass will available on our Facebook page and Website starting early afternoon on Christmas Eve.

Although Christmas 2020 will look and feel different this year, the love, joy and hope that comes from the celebration of the birth of Jesus remain constant and strong.

To you and your families, I extend greetings from the entire staff at Annunciation Parish. Be assured of our prayers during this holy season, and our wish is that your hearts may know the joy of the presence of Christ at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Grace-filled New Year!

God Bless,

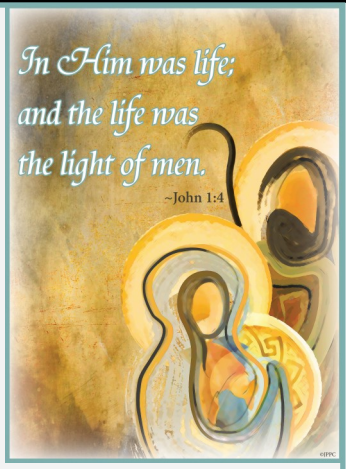
The Priests and Deacons of Annunciation Parish

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Due to COVID-19 restrictions issued by the State of Connecticut, Mass attendance is strictly limited to 100 people at both St. Mary's and Holy Spirit Churches.

Attendance at these Masses will not be permitted without a valid ticket for the Mass indicated on the ticket. Tickets will not be available at the church doors on the day/time of the Masses.

Pick up reserved tickets at the church you will be attending for Christmas Mass after Mass on December 19/20, 2020.



MASS TIMES

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH CENTER CHURCH DOORS ONLY.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES	***CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES***
Saint Mary Church	Saint Mary Church
3:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Holy Spirit Church	Holy Spirit Church
4:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19th

9:00 a.m. Paula Peterson, By her Husband, Elliot Peterson, & Pat Auldridge, her Sister, **H/S**

4:00 p.m. Norma Martin, By her Husband, Robert, **H/S**

4:00 p.m. Carmello Sollima, Ann Amelia Sollima (Daughter-in-law), M/M S. Reale, M/M H. Sollima (Father-in-law), By Angela, **S/M**

December 20th, 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Anita Fairwood, By Richard & Ronald Fairwood and Maureen Kievman, **H/S**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Guerrera, By his Wife, Victoria and Children, **S/M**

9:30 a.m. Eric Edman, 6th Anniversary, By his Wife and Family, **H/S**

10:00 a.m. Domenico PizzoFerrato & Antonio LoMero, By Marisa & Fabio LoNero, **S/M**

12:00 p.m. Jack Germano, 8th Anniversary, By his Family, **H/S**

Monday, Dec. 21st, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Walter Szot, By his Family, **H/S**

Tuesday, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. Pawel Tarasiuk, 27th Anniversary, & Joseph Zablocki, 7th Anniversary, By Wieslawa Zablocki, **H/S**

5:30 p.m. For Our Community First Responders, **H/S**

Wednesday, December 23rd, Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 a.m. Josephine Tongson, 19th Anniversary, By the Family, **H/S**

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **S/M**

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **H/S**

5:00 p.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **S/M**

6:00 p.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **H/S**

Friday, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) *Holy Day of Obligation*

9:00 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **S/M**

9:30 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **H/S**

11:00 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **S/M**

12:00 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **H/S**

Saturday, December 26th, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

4:00 p.m. Stanislaw Zarazinski, By his Family, **H/S**

4:00 p.m. Concetta Amatore, By her Family, **S/M**

Sunday, December 27th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 a.m. Dr. Lolita M. Riego, By her Granddaughter, Alexandra N. Riego, **H/S**

8:00 a.m. Maria Pace, First Anniversary, & Marzolino Pace, 12th Anniversary, By Lucia & Chez, **S/M**

9:30 a.m. Rose McCormack, 6th Anniversary, By her Family, **H/S**

10:00 a.m. Aldo De Cioccio, By his Wife, Donata, **S/M**

12:00 p.m. Argelio Marrero, By his Family, **H/S**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them during this Advent season.

If you hear the call to priesthood or religious life, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at ***www.hartfordpriest.com.***

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

...Is lit December 20 - 26, 2020.

at Holy Spirit Church

for Clement Gebo,

By, His Family

PARISH SUPPORT

Collection amounts will be posted next week due to early bulletin deadlines.

We are grateful to all who continue to support Annunciation Parish by your prayers and financial contributions.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Many thanks for the generous contributions for Christmas Flowers this year!

The Christmas Flower List will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: **Vigil**: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25,Mt 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day**: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

POPE PROCLAIMS YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. In a Dec. 8 apostolic letter, "With a father's heart", the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

"St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all," he said. As Mary's husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned "his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home." Despite being troubled at first by Mary's pregnancy, he added, St. Joseph was obedient to God's will "regardless of the hardship involved."

"In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat,' like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane," the pope said. "All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

The Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, also issued a decree Dec. 8 stating that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Among the conditions for receiving an indulgence are a spirit detached from sin, receiving sacramental confession as soon as possible, receiving Communion as soon as possible and praying for the Holy Father's intentions.

However, the decree also highlighted several ways to obtain the indulgence throughout the year, including to those who "meditate on the prayer of the 'Our Father' for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph." As a "just man," the document continued, who guarded "the intimate secret that lies at the bottom of the heart and soul," St. Joseph practiced the virtue of justice in "full adherence to the divine law, which is the law of mercy."

"Therefore, those who, following the example of St. Joseph, will perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to obtain the gift of the plenary indulgence," it said. Indulgences will also be granted to families and engaged couples who recite the rosary together and thus imitate the "same climate of communion, love and prayer lived in the Holy Family." Other acts of devotion include entrusting one's daily activities and prayers for dignified employment to St. Joseph, reciting the litany or any "legitimately approved" prayer to St. Joseph.

During this time of pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary also decreed that special indulgences will be granted to the elderly, the sick and all those who "for legitimate reasons are prevented from leaving their home" by "reciting an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph and committed to fulfilling the conditions as soon as possible."

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MASS & HOLY HOUR

Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

Tuesdays ~ 5:30 p.m. Mass

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. ~ Holy Hour & Confession

@ Holy Spirit Church

Join us for this "mid-week check - in with the Lord," for Mass, Holy Hour Adoration and Confession.