

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Easter Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter
March 31, and April 7, 2024*

- Our Mission Statement -

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joyfully worship together to give praise, honor and glory to Almighty God. We are called by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and to live the gospel message through the sacraments and to spread the message of Jesus Christ by living out the example of God's power in our lives.



Thank you to Juli Tomse for her creativity in the Easter Environment.

Seven people were welcomed into full communion in the Catholic Church at the **Easter Vigil**. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Community welcomes: **Jackson Best, Philesa Stonecliffe, Ion Stonecliffe, Martin Beedle, Greg Madden, Anissa Norris** and **Manuel Quinonez** (Pictured below). Please see Pages 4 and 5 to learn a bit about them.

Thank you all for your prayers.

I am grateful to Fr. Patrick, Linda Wrona and Michelle Bezroukuff for their help in the RCIA Program.

Pictures of the Vigil to follow in future bulletins.



Adoration will take place on Friday, April 5 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Please note:

Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that **person, or, in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care**, calls the parish office to give permission. The above also pertains to the **Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick**.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will continue to pray for all the sick and suffering, even if unable to list by name.

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| Anna Adams | Imelda Johnson | Maria Rodriguez |
| Bill Aloisio | Judy King | Norb Rozanski |
| Irene Bezroukoff | Patrick Lavigne | Geri Smith |
| Michelle Bezroukoff | Jacqueline Lehy | Marilee Seppell |
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| May Beth Erickson | Mark Phillips | Linda White |
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| Mark Huettner | Kathy Rapp | |
| | Janice Rippinger | |

If you would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the parish office at 630-851-1436 to schedule a visit.

Our parish has joined a Catholic website called **FORMED**. This website is loaded with articles, videos, eBooks, and much more—all of which are thoroughly Catholic. You simply go to this website: <https://formed.org> (This is a secure site, which is why there is an “s” in the address). Once there, you will want to click on “Sign Up” (do not click on “Sign In”). In the next prompt, choose “Sign up as a parishioner.” The next prompt will ask you to “Create a New Account.” In the search box, put in the parish’s zip code: 60505. That will give you Annunciation as your choice. Click on that, and then click “next.” From there, you’ll put in your personal information. If you have any questions or problems logging in, please call Mary at the parish office.

Fr. Patrick

CONTRIBUTIONS

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March 17, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,710.00
7:30am	\$2,144.00
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From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

My brothers and sisters, the Apostle tells us, in his letter to the Romans, "...we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death...so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the Resurrection."

On this Easter day, we celebrate our Lord's triumph over sin and death for our souls, and His triumph is our triumph. Our souls should be filled with joy, knowing that our own deaths will bring about our own resurrection to eternal life. We were baptized with Him, we will die as He did, and we will rise as He did.

The Apostle also tells us, and the Church continues to repeat it, "[Christ] emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross! Because of this, God [the Father] highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name above every other name. So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!"

My brothers and sisters, on this triumphant Easter day, may our souls be filled with joy because our Lord has redeemed us with His Life, Death, and Resurrection, and may He lead all souls into everlasting life. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

God bless all of you!

Fr. Patrick

HE HAS RISEN, THE LORD HAS RISEN!

Thoughts from our RCIA Participants

I'm Jackson Best, 23 years old, and excited to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. I'd like to thank my girlfriend Julia, her family, my university professor Dr. James Lee, and Father Patrick for helping me find God and supporting me through this journey. I'm excited to continue to learn and grow in the Catholic faith with my mentors and RCIA peers.

My name is Philesa Kay Stonecliffe, and my son is Ion Alexander Stonecliffe. Ion has been attending Annunciation BVM Elementary School since Kindergarten. Ion has encouraged me to nurture a relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are thankful to start our beautiful journey, here at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church with such a wonderful community. We are grateful to have Mary Glosson and Dean Ken to sponsor us.

Marty Beedle: What I love about RCIA is that when I was young I never was confirmed and I always felt as a adult I was missing this part of my Catholicism....when I finally really went all in and came back to the Church a few years back I felt a overwhelming sense to humble myself and finally sign up.....it took prayer...It has been a wonderful experience learning from Mary and Father Patrick about our Faith.

I see why someone would take more than one class, it can only bring our relationship with Christ closer and deeper.

Greg Madden: I am excited to become a confirmed member of the Catholic Church and a full-fledged parishioner of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I am ready to grow in my faith, follow the Lord's example more often than not, and commit to spending time every day in prayer and meditation (which I am finding out is extremely difficult to do for those with short attention spans). Along with my wife Margaret and our daughters Sarah (16) and Katherine (14), we look forward to actively participating within the Annunciation community.

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Section Two: The Profession of Faith

Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

"I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth

42. In what way does God reveal that he is love?

God revealed himself to Israel as the One who has a stronger love than that of parents for their children or of husbands and wives for their spouses. God in himself "is love" (1 John 4:8, 16), who gives himself completely and gratuitously, who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son [so] that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16-17). By sending his Son and the Holy Spirit, God reveals that he himself is an eternal exchange of love.

43. What does it mean to believe in only one God?

To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know his greatness and majesty. It involves living in thanksgiving and trusting always in him, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and true dignity of all human beings, created in his image. It involves making good use of the things which he has created.

44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life?

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone?

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

46. What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father?

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father," not only insofar as he created the universe and mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3).

47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (*Filioque*) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (John 16:13).

Anissa Norris: In today's world there is a big emphasis on physical and mental healthcare, but along with that, and most importantly, spiritual health must be a priority. With a solid, genuine & faithful relationship with God, then every thing else seems to fall in place. Understanding of his love and mercy allows for a life full of hope and joy. Raised as a Catholic, the RCIA program has helped me to grow an even closer relationship with God and understanding of our the basis of our Catholic faith and for that I am forever grateful!

Manuel Quinonez: Attending the RCIA classes has inspired me to develop a better prayer life. I started off only talking to God at night before bed. Now I find myself talking to God in the morning, in times of temptation, happiness, anger, or indecisiveness. I feel like this has brought me closer to God and I am extremely grateful for it.



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A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who donated to the March 2024 Annunciation Food Drive. The Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry is so appreciative, especially for the baby items donated. In the past two years they have seen the need for assistance double, so the donations from our generous Annunciation parishioners help meet that need. Thank you, as well, to those individuals that help with setting up the signs and loading the food.

The next Annunciation Food Drive will be held the weekend of April 13 and 14. Please bring donations to the blue bins in front of the altar, near the organ. Donations accepted during designated weekends only. Also, please check the dates on all items. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Coming to St. John Neumann Parish!

Saturday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 17, view displays detailing documented cases of consecrated bread and wine inexplicably changed into flesh and blood. Learn about the principal miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and have been recognized by the Church. Each week will be different displays. Viewing during weekend Mass times and daily office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1

6:30am †Jean Cibulskis by Cindy & Sonny Conte

8:00am †Rose & Peter Aloisio by Family

Tuesday, April 2

6:30am †Karen Heriaud by Family

8:00am †Al Bacchi by Loretta White

Wednesday, April 3

6:30am †Barbara Pitz by Family

8:45am Our Parish Family

Thursday, April 4

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †James Klein by Family

Friday, April 5

6:30am †Katie Greenhalgh by Daughter

8:00am †John & Regina Krachtus by Family

Saturday, April 6

8:00am †Lucy & Maddie

5:15pm Smith Family/Hartung Family by Lyle C. Smith

Sunday, April 7

7:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Philip & Alice Grant

10:00am †Anna Wagner by Husband

11:30am †Elaine Heintz by The Heintz Family



Families in Annunciation's Religious Education Program will be hosting a **bake sale** the weekend of April 13 and 14. Take home some goodies, and help support the religious education of our parish children.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 8

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Irene Jochum by Michelle Olache

Tuesday, April 9

6:30am †Helen Wozniak by Sonny & Cindy Conte

8:00am †Jean Cibulskis by Marilee Bacchi

Wednesday, April 10

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am Liv. & Dec'd Membs. of the Donald & Joan Brummel Fam.

Thursday, April 11

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Al Bacchi by Saros Family

Friday, April 12

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Kathy Tentinger by Husband

Saturday, April 13

8:00am †Andrew Hettinger

5:15pm Living & Deceased Members of the Seppell Family

Sunday, April 14

7:30am †Barbara Pitz by Werner & Patricia Welz

8:45am Our Parish Family

10:00am †Frank Salis by Juli Tomse

11:30am †Gloria Salinas by Fernando Salinas Family

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We Welcome You!

We welcome you to our parish and our community. If you would like to become a member of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, please contact the parish office 630-851-1436 to register. Adult children of current members are also encouraged to register.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to schedule. Normally baptisms take place on Sunday afternoons, after the last Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4:00-4:45pm, or you may call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

The bride, groom, or either of their parents must be registered, contributing members of the parish. Weddings must be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. If there were any previous marriages that were not annulled by the Church, then it must be pointed out that the annulment process could take up to two years.

Anointing of the Sick:

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the parish office immediately.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Adoration: Is normally celebrated on the first Friday of the month, after the 8:00 Mass, with Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 4pm.

Bulletin Deadline:

If you would like something placed in the bulletin, please email the parish office 10 days before the Sunday it is due. annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org.

Announcements:

Announcements are due in the church office by Thursday noon.

Catholic Men In The World Today:

Meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Patio. For information on who we are and what we do, please email us at annmensgroup@aol.com.

The Knights of Columbus Council 736: meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsofcolumbusil.org/council736.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

If you are an adult who would like to be baptized; or was baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant, but did not receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation; or are interested in becoming Catholic; we would like you to consider our RCIA program. For more information, please contact Mary at 630-851-1436.

Mass Schedule (Unless Otherwise Announced or Stated Elsewhere):

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:15pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Weekdays (School in session):

M. T. Th. F.: 6:30am, 8:00am
Wed.: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat.: 8:00am

Weekdays (School not in session):

Mass) M.—F.: 6:30am, 8:00am (Rosary prayed before 8:00am
Sat.: 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):

6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm,
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