

# Church of the Annunciation

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM  
First Friday 8:30 AM  
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM  
11:30 AM  
Summer Sunday Schedule  
(July and August) 8:30 & 10:00 AM

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation:

Saturday - 4:00 PM or by Appointment

### Baptism:

Second Sunday of the Month at 1:00 PM  
Fourth Sunday of the Month at 1:00 PM  
Please contact the Rectory in regards to  
Godparents and available times.

### Baptism Classes;

Call the Rectory for schedule.

### Marriage:

Contact the Rectory several months before  
planning a date.

### Sick Calls:

Please contact the Rectory so that arrangements  
can be made to have Fr. Bert make the initial  
visit to the home, then the Eucharistic Ministers  
to bring Holy Communion on a regular basis if  
need be.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Grades K thru 8

Sunday 10:10 AM - 11:25 AM  
Preschool - 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### Grades K thru 4

Monday 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

### Grades 5 thru 8

Monday 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

### CCD Office Hours

Sunday 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Monday 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

## Mission Statement

*In order to continue the legacy of our founding families, we, the community of the Church of the Annunciation, have as our mission to unite all in God's name and to live the joy of the Gospel. We share our gifts through prayer, worship, fellowship and service. We are committed to spiritual growth, as well as to knowledge and expression of our faith in God. Under the guidance of the Blessed Mother Mary, we seek to become a cornerstone of discipleship, providing spiritual and loving support for our parish family.*

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Roberto D. Coruña, Pastor

Joyce Mahon, Parish Secretary

Donna Perrone, Parish Catechetical Leader

Patricia Kozlowski, Chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council

Women's Guild, Contact person, Diane Teuscher

William Tighe, President of the Holy Name Society

Helen (Pat) Fitzpatrick, President of the Legion of Mary

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 2:00 - 6:00 PM  
Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:00 - 4:00 PM  
or by appointment

# First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

## Mass Offerings



<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>February 17, 2018 - 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b> Joy Sinise /Ed & Lois Collier
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>February 18 - First Sunday of Lent</b> Joy Sinise /Janet & Allan Kukoski Seferina Arzu /Erma Farquhar
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>February 19</b> Bill Kast /Anna DeRoma
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>February 20</b> Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Piscataway /Fr. Paul Da Silva
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop</b> Gary Hand /Evelyn Hand
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>February 22 - Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b> Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Piscataway /Fr. Paul Da Silva
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop</b> No Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>February 24</b> George Snyder, Sr. /Bob & Jane Phillips
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent</b> Joseph McDonough /Waterson Family Almira Cacho /Erma Farquhar

**Note:** There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Sunday	Feb 18	Gn 9:8-15 ~ Ps 25:4-9 ~ 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Feb 19	Lv 19:1-18 ~ Ps: 19:8-15 ~ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Feb 20	Is 55:10-11 ~ Ps 34:4-19 ~ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Feb 21	Jon 3:1-10 ~ Ps 51:3-19 ~ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Feb 22	1 Pt 5:1-4 ~ Ps 23:1-6 ~ Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Feb 23	Ez 18:21-28 ~ Ps 130:1-8 ~ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Feb 24	Dt 26:16-19 ~ Ps 119:1-8 ~ Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Feb 25	Gn 22:1-18 ~ Ps 116:10-19 ~ Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

### The Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning continually as a sign of the continual real presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the host kept in the tabernacle. The Candle is a sign that Jesus is truly present, looking at each person with Love, listening to their prayers, and giving them the grace needed to deal with the problems of life. Do you want the light of Christ to be with you while you pray for yourself and/or loved ones. If you would like to schedule the times you want to do this, please call the rectory. Donation is \$10.00 for one week. The Candle will be burning February 17th thru February 23rd for Jane & Bob Jones who will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary. The Candle will also be burning for Joseph McDonough February 24th thru March 2nd requested by the Waterson Family.



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### SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

Cards can now be purchased by credit card from Kiosks in Church or Annex and also from website at [anunciacionrcc.com](http://anunciacionrcc.com). (Click on Donate, Online, Store, and select Denominations.) Please make your purchase one-hour prior to Masses so selected cards can be reserved for your pick-up at conclusion of each Mass.

If you wish to purchase ShopRite Cards at any other time than when they are on sale, please call Terry at 479-4340 to arrange for pickup/and delivery.

### FOOD DRIVE

There will be a Food Drive next weekend, February 24/25. For your convenience, receptacles/boxes are available year-round in the Annex to receive your donations.

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### 2018 Weekly Donation Envelopes

2018 Weekly Donation Envelopes are available in the Office. If you are interested in receiving a copy of your donations for income tax purposes for 2017, please contact Joyce at the office. A record of your 2017 donations will be by request only.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
**February 4**  
**Weekly \$2,180**  
**Parish Improvement \$486**  
**Oil \$2,210**

*First Sunday of Lent*  
*February 18, 2018*



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**PRAYER CHAIN**

Barbara Studley, Ryan Hudak, Gary Gravina, Thomas Curran, Julie Segreaves, Elizabeth Basler, Kirsten Russo, Fred Mollard, Evelyn Hand, Mary Lou Deak, Linda Callahan, Michael Ferraro, Bob Jones, Bernice Wisnosky, Collin Perrone, Carol Hand, Marie Worrell (deceased), Peggy Boyle (deceased), Thomas Boyle (deceased), Soraya Sanabria, George Sammond, Linda Ramirez, Gail Carmichael, Sylvester Basler, Bob Miller, Rhianon Zuhone, Michael Carroll, Danielle Nickerson, Michael Horowitz DDS, Maryann Ricci, Eric Koonce (deceased), Jay Sciotto (deceased), Missy Sinise, Wendy Keim, Richard Warnkin, Amanda Lamb, Ruthann Howard, Joy Sinise (deceased), Jean Huff (deceased), Isabelle Zvolanek, Joseph Perrotti, Ellanora Emrick, Joel Rivera, Joe Zinkann, Bill Kast (deceased), Steven Losapio (deceased), Nancy McCallion (deceased), Aldo Tassinari, Mike Sciotto, Nancy Fucci.

.To activate the prayer chain quickly, notify one of the following:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Team 1</b>            | <b>Team 2</b>            |
| Chuck & Joyce Mahon      | Joe & Mary Zinkann       |
| 908-735-4816             | 908-730-8658             |
| Cell (text) 908-432-3930 | Cell (text) 908-500-0426 |

**Team 3**  
 Jeanie Franzo  
 908-479-4284  
 Cell (text) 908-268-1886

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**God is calling you to become an  
 Extraordinary Minister  
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We are actively seeking more people just like you to offer the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! If interested, contact Sandi Osmun ([sosmun14@gmail.com](mailto:sosmun14@gmail.com), 908-479-4355) or Fr. Bert. You will complete a simple application (available in the church entrance), speak with Father Bert, and then attend training.

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**FAST and ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of **Fasting** and **Abstinence** for Catholics. The obligation of **Fast** applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To **Fast** in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal a day so as to experience hunger. The obligation of **Abstinence** affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. **Abstinence** in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and meat products every Friday of Lent.

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God ....” Mark 1:14*

*Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do, in the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.*

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**Upcoming Events**

- February 18 RCIA Rite of Sending - 11:30am Mass
- February 19 President's Day
- February 21 Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
- February 23 Eucharistic Adoration 2 to 4pm
- February 24 The Sisters of Mercy will be presenting a Retreat for our parishioners on Saturday, February 24th at 1:00pm until 4:30pm. The Theme is “Lent: To Be Mindful of and to be Centered in God.”
- February 24/25 In Pew Weekend - Bishop's Annual Appeal. (Do not take the Cards home.)

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On Fridays at 7:00pm during Lent, we have Stations of the Cross. Following is the remaining schedule:

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| March 2  | Holy Name Society Hosting     |
| March 9  | Choir Hosting                 |
| March 16 | Legion of Mary Hosting        |
| March 23 | Women's Guild Hosting 7:30pm  |
| March 30 | Outdoor Stations of the Cross |

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