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## THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

As we enter the fourth and final week of our season of Advent, our journey and our preparations for the “advent” of the Lord are nearly at an end. It is hard to believe that Christmas is tomorrow, although the excitement levels (especially with our children) and the heightened sense of expectation are certainly very obvious. Not surprisingly, the prayers, music and readings at the Mass also have this atmosphere of breathless anticipation. The Prayer after Communion for this Sunday can sum up our thoughts and feelings well:

...We pray Almighty God,  
that as the feast day of our salvation draws ever  
nearer,  
so we may press forward all the more eagerly  
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your  
Son’s Nativity.

One of the unique features of the liturgy during the last week of the season of Advent is the singing or reading of what are called the great “O antiphons” as heard in our Advent carol, “O Come, O come Emmanuel.” Each of these short antiphons or prayers describes the nature of the Messiah and his coming. One speaks of the Messiah as the wisdom and holy Word of God who governs all creation with strong, yet tender care. Another sings of the Messiah as the radiant dawn, splendour of eternal light, who shines on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. And then there is the one we may know the best that describes the Messiah as Emmanuel (God with us), king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people who comes to set us free. If you can, look again at that Advent carol and spend a little bit of time in prayer reflecting on what each of the descriptions says and what they might mean.

At Mass on the Fourth Sunday, our Gospel is always about one of the annunciations made in preparation for the coming of the Messiah (yes, in a way, there is more than one annunciation Gospel...not just the annunciation of the archangel Gabriel to Mary). In Year A we would read about the angel of the Lord appearing to St. Joseph in a dream and telling him to take Mary for his wife. In Year B of our three-year cycle (this year!), we hear the most familiar annunciation: the annunciation of the archangel Gabriel to Mary. In Year C, we hear what is called the Gospel of the Visitation, when Mary goes to meet her kinswoman Elizabeth. She recognizes the mother of her Lord and St.

John the Baptist leaps for joy in his mother’s womb: both therefore announcing that the Messiah is near.

These wonderful annunciation Gospels are not only about the events that led up to the birth of Jesus at Christmas. They also invite us to think about our response to this annunciation of the good news of salvation. Like St. Joseph, we can be open to God’s messengers, however they may come to us and to respond to those messages as St. Joseph did in love and obedience: “he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him” (Matthew 1: 24). Like our Blessed Mother, we can and should enter into a dialogue with the Lord (“how can this be...?”) and then say “yes” to what he asks of us: “be it done to me according to your word” (cf. Luke 1: 38). Like the Gospel of the Visitation we hear today, we can imitate Mary who was blessed because she believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled, and because her soul magnified the Lord (cf. Luke 1: 41-46). We can also be like Elizabeth who was open to being filled with the Holy Spirit so that she then recognized the presence of God (Luke 1: 41-43).

As the season of Christmas fast approaches, let us indeed give great thanks for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Let us remember that our celebrations are ultimately about what Jesus came and did for us: Christmas and Easter are closely bound together! The Opening Prayer for the Mass this Sunday puts it so well:

Pour forth we beseech you O Lord, your  
grace into our hearts; that we to whom  
the incarnation of Christ, your Son was  
made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross, be brought  
to the glory of his Resurrection.

*Fr. Keith*



# THE WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY, December 25**

■ Office Closed

**TUESDAY, December 26**

■ Office Closed

**THURSDAY, December 28**

■ Bible Study: 7 PM St. Mary's Academy

## March for Life 2018 -- Bus Information

If you would like to travel with others from our Diocese to the annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 19<sup>th</sup>, please see bus information below. Busses will meet Bishop Sharfenberger in Washington DC and participants will march together as a Diocese.

Contact Person: Barbara Fraterrigo

21 Ableman Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

(518) 456-3998; cellphone(518) 221-

6776

Cost: \$55 per person transportation, not including meals

Reservations: Call Barbara ASAP. She needs to have an accurate count.

Payment: Checks payable to Barbara Fraterrigo, mailed to above address after making phone reservation, *but must be received by her at least several days before January 19.*

Pick up: Catskill Exit 21 NYS Thruway Parking Area, around 11:30 PM Thursday, January 18.

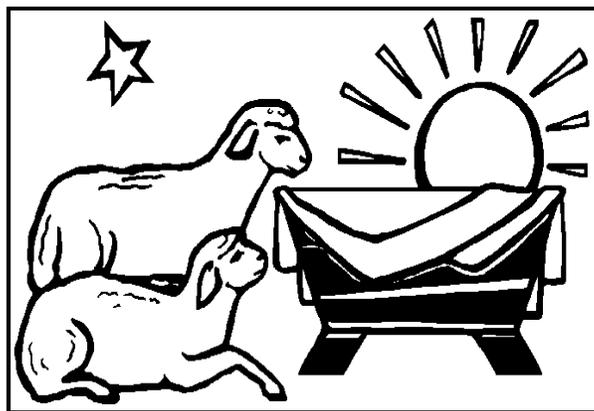
Bus sometimes arrives later, but best to be there on time or earlier just in case. We're the last to be picked up so we have to be there when the bus arrives: they cannot wait. Local contacts:

Marie Bitter 518 943-3131

Carol Miller 518 943-4469

## Can't make the March for Life in Washington D.C.???

To mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and to be in solidarity with those attending the 45<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, Holy Trinity Parish will be sponsoring a Day of Prayer for Life on Friday, January 19, 2018. There will be all day Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 7:15 am Mass in St. Mary's Sacristy and ending with a **Holy Hour for Life from 5-6pm**, Deacon Richard Washburn presiding. Please join us by dropping in for silent prayer during the day and/or by joining us for the Holy



## Christmas Schedule this Year

**NOTE: Regular Masses for Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, Dec. 23 : 4:00 pm (HUD) and 5:30 pm (G'TWN)**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24 : 9:00am ( HUD) and 11:00 am (G'TWN)**

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Sunday, December 24th**

4:00 P.M. - Hudson

(Oriented toward Families & Children)

4:00 P.M. - Germantown

6:00 P.M. - Hudson

10:00 P.M. - Hudson

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Monday, December 25th**

10:00 A.M. - Hudson

11:00 A.M. - Germantown

**Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers:**  
Please check the schedules on the bulletin boards to remind yourselves of the Mass to which you are assigned.

## 2018 St. Joseph Sunday Missal Available

This missal is designed to help you deepen your understanding and participation in the Mass, guide your life in the spirit of the liturgy, and to meditate often on the Word of God. Missals are available in the Sacristy for \$4.00 each.

**Little known fact:**

**There is only one fruitcake in the world, and people keep sending it around to each other.**

**THE ANNUNCIATION**  
by Fra Angelico



*Have you ever thought about how stars became the symbol of Christmas? Christmas star, also known as the Star of Bethlehem, is associated with the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.*

**The Story of the Star of Bethlehem**

A new star was seen in the sky, along with other stars, one fine night and this star was so radiant that its bright rays spread light as bright as day on the gray hills of Bethlehem. The shepherds, who were resting after a hectic day, saw this strange, bright star and were frightened because of the unusual shine. Immediately, to their surprise, an angel came to them and said: "Do not be afraid; the star has come to bring you good tidings of great joy, and to show you the place where a little baby is born, a little babe whose name is Jesus, and who will give peace and joy to the whole world." The angel disappeared after saying this and the shepherds decided to go and see the child. They left their flock of sheep resting on the hillside and took their crook.

The shepherds started towards Bethlehem, following the bright star and reached the stable where Jesus Christ was born. They bowed to the baby who was cradled in a manger. It was the same star that appeared before the three wise men.

The Christmas Star is not just a colorful décor; it signifies peace and high hopes. It gives you the ray of hope that the Son of God will help you confront and conquer every difficult situation you come across. It shows that every good thing comes from within and that there is a silver lining in every dark cloud.

**SACRAMENTS**

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

**RECONCILIATION:** Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

We participate in the Kingdom of Heaven not through our accomplishments, but through our love and generosity.

**HUDSON**

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Dec. 17).....	\$7,257.00
Christmas Flowers.....	499.00

**GERMANTOWN**

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Dec. 17).....	\$2,206.00
Seminarians.....	20.00
Heat and Fuel.....	15.00
Christmas Flowers.....	184.00



## Christmas Eve Prayer

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### Readings for the Week of December 24

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 17 [6]/Mt 8ab, 16bc and 10:17-22  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/

### READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 67 Opening Hymn: # 205 Closing: # 301

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Dec. 25)

10:00 AM Intention of the Priest (HUD)

11:00 AM Intention of the Priest (G'TWN)

#### TUESDAY: St. Stephen, First Martyr (Dec. 26)

7:15 AM John & Helen Halloran - Daughter, Dawn Michael & Nathaniel Keyser - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue

#### WEDNESDAY: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Dec. 27)

7:15 AM Louise & Harding Carminucci - Maria & Richard Hunkele Carolyn Wagner - Antoinette Stalker

#### THURSDAY: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Dec. 28)

7:15 AM Dorothy Weber - Tom & Debbie Daus Mecius Anuska - Ellen Borrelle

#### FRIDAY: Weekday (Dec. 29)

7:15 AM Paul & Paula Shallo - Wife, Daughter & Grandchildren  
 9:00 AM Mecius Anuska - Jack & Mary Ann Nytransky (G'TWN)

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

#### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Dec. 30)

4:00 PM Harold Hallenbeck - Lee & Eileen French (HUD) William Connors - Sandy, Bob, Heidi & Jacob Anna & Harold Rowen - Ray & Carol Paul Jean Hogencamp - Anthony Keller  
 5:30 PM The Living and Deceased of the Parish (G'TWN)

#### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Dec. 31)

9:00 AM Julie Owens - Barbara Van Allen (HUD) John & Helen Halloran - Daughter, Pamela Torchia  
 11:00 AM For those in the military and their families (G'TWN)



### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 1, 2018  
 9:00 A.M. - Hudson

(As this falls on a Monday, it is still a holy day, but **NOT** a holy day of obligation.)

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