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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

The Catholic Faith Community of Our Lady of Victory and the Church of St. Andrew

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Saturday (Fulfills Sunday Obligation): 5:15pm
Sunday: 10:15am, 12:15pm, 5:15pm
Mon. - Fri.: 7:15am, 8:15am, 12:15pm*, 1:15pm**
& 5:15pm* (All in Upper Church.)**
 * Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.
 ** Following the 1:15, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Novena of the day.
 *** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:05 pm, followed by Mass.
Saturday: 12:15pm, 5:15pm (Vigil Mass)
Holidays: 8:15am & 12:15pm
Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm
Holy Days: 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 11:45am
12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:45, & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 7:45-8:15am, 12:45-1:30pm, 5:00-5:30pm
Sat.: 4:50-5:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal	Sat.: The Rosary
Tues.: St. Anthony	1st Fri.: Sacred Heart
Wed.: St. Jude	Novena
Thurs.: The Holy Spirit	Fridays of Lent:
Fri.: The Rosary	Stations of the Cross

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the 1:15pm Weekday Mass.
 Benediction will be at 5:05pm, before the 5:15 Mass.

BAPTISMS Sundays at 1:00pm

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

Sunday: 12:15pm, 5:15pm
Monday - Friday: 12:15pm, 1:15pm

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes after each Mass

DEVOTIONS

Novena after the 12:15 weekday Mass
 Novena and Rosary after 1:15pm weekday Mass

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)
4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
 Discussion Group (OLV))
As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017, Year B



GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

The child to be born
will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred

years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers.

In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist,

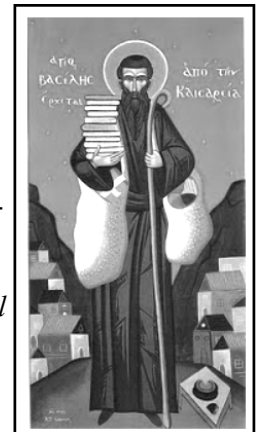
but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown.

Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One

country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to

news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver

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St. Basil



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD



*Please enjoy
a safe holiday!*

As this coming New Year's Day, January 1st, falls on a Monday, it is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore Our Mass Schedule for that day will be as follows:

Monday, January 1, 2018:

8:15 am

12:15 pm

1:15 pm.

Sunday, December 31, 2017:

5:15 Vigil Mass

Christmas Schedule 2017

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Mass for the Vigil of Christmas:

5:15 pm with Our Canoni Chorale

9:15 pm Solemn High Mass of Christmas
with Our Schola Cantorum Choir

Christmas Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

10:15 am Mass with Organ & Cantor

12:15 pm High Mass

with Schola Cantorum Choir

Mass at Saint Andrew's at 11 am

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*Wishing all our friends
throughout the tri-state area a
Wonderful Christmas Season
& A Happy New Year!
Father Myles P. Murphy S.T.L., Pastor*

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Let us pray as Advent draws to a close, that Christ will truly come into our hearts.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love,
and as you revealed to us by an angel
the coming of your Son as man, so lead
us through his suffering and death to
the glory of his resurrection, for he
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



A Blessed Christmas to All!

MUSIC NOTES FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

PRELUDE: chorale 'Macht hoch die Tür' (Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates) & organ chorale prelude by Max Reger

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came a Basque Carol
arranged by Malcolm Archer

Today is the Beginning (Orthodox Troparion for the
Annunciation) by Nazo Zakkak

OFFERTORY: Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth Text:
St. Ambrose trans. by M. Neale / Music: Michael
Praetorius arr. by David Willcocks (12:15 mass)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Isaiah 7:14 Ecce virgo
conciptet Setting by George Frederick Handel from
MESSIAH

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel."

COMMUNION: There is No Rose of Such Virtue Text:
Anonymous 15th Century / Music: Gerald Near
Alma Redemptoris Mater (Seasonal Latin Marian Hymn
for Advent thru Christmas Season)

POSTLUDE: on 'Rorate Caeli Desuper' (Drop Down
Dew, Ye Heavens, From Above) By Colin Mawby

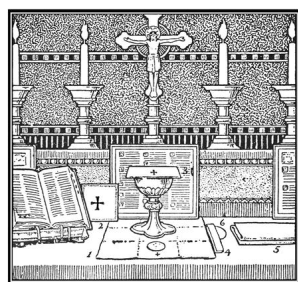
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in lower Manhattan offering wonderful events in theater,
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
 Wednesday: St. John
 Thursday: The Holy Innocents
 Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
 Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You can remember a loved one by donating towards our Christmas Flowers. Forms to write down the names of your loved ones can be found on tables around the church. Envelopes for your donations can be found on top of donation boxes in the church and chapel as well. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin after the new year.



THIS WEEK:

Altar Bread & Wine
 and Sanctuary Lamp
 at Our Lady of Victory
 offered in Loving Memory of
Dionisio Marasigan

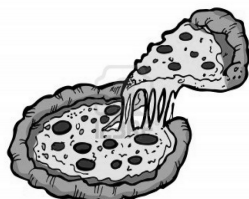
Requested by Lourdes Tabique
 and Denise Marasigan

Bread & Wine at St. Andrew In Loving Memory of
Anna & Dominic Mingione

HOLIDAY HAHA!

**Q: How does good king
 Wenceslas like his
 pizza?**

**A. Deep and crisp
 and even!**



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MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:15 am: Francis Bongart
 12:15 pm: Russell Lawler***
 5:15 pm: Patrick Marcune
 9:15 pm: Thomas Moore

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:15 am: Vincent Pisani
 12:15 pm: Christmas Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:15 am: Salvatore Frisina
 8:15 am: Christmas Novena
 12:15 pm: Carlito Sumague
 1:15 pm: Charles Murphy
 5:15 pm: Dionisio Marasigan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:15 am: Luke Moran
 8:15 am: Luke Moran
 12:15 pm: Poor Souls in Purgatory
 1:15 pm: Kenneth Thomas Telesca
 5:15 pm: Christmas Novena

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15 am: Christmas Novena
 8:15 am: Rita Gambino
 12:15 pm: Poor Souls in Purgatory
 1:15 pm: Rose R. Tramutra
 5:15 pm: Giovanna, Anna & Nicola Lucignano

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15 am: Salvatore Grasso
 8:15 am: Arthur Z. Corpuz
 12:15 pm: Poor Souls in Purgatory
 1:15 pm: Christopher Paisello
 5:15 pm: Christmas Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:15 pm: Christmas Novena
 5:15 pm: In Honor of St. Thérèse

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:15 am: Lydia Vega
 12:15 pm: Christmas Novena
 5:15 pm: In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

ST. ANDREW CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE!

12:15 pm: Nora Van Aalst
 5:15 pm: Rocco M. Thompson

11:00 pm: Gertrude Burke

12:15 pm: *Available*

1:15 pm: Fr. Piotr Przemielewski

12:15 pm: Gliceria Balcon & Celese Roa

1:15 pm: Olga Iris Martinez del Rio

12:15 pm: Bill Whelan
 1:15 pm: *Available*

12:15 pm: *Available*
 1:15 pm: *Available*

*No Saturday Mass at
 St. Andrew's location*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

12:15 pm: Nora Van Aalst
 5:15 pm: *Available*

