



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, December 8, 2019

One Service this Sunday & Cookie Walk!

Come for church at 9:00,
and stay for the Cookie Walk at 10:00.



Message to Cookie Walk Workers

The following information was sent in email form to all of you who signed up to work. But just in case we missed you or had an incorrect email address, we are reposting here.

The countdown is on for our 5th (can you believe it?) Cookie Walk! Thank you for volunteering to work the walk and share some Christmas cheer with those who crave our cookies.

As has been announced, there will be just one service on Sunday at 9am and Cookie Walk opens promptly at 10 - tight timeframe, but we can do it. To that end, we would like to have a brief meeting in the Adult Forum room at 8:40 Sunday morning. We will hand out work assignments and answer any questions you have about your job. That way we will all be ready to hit the Walk running as soon as we have received Communion.

We are so excited! Weather looks promising...remember the year of the snowstorm??? Forecast right now calls for moderate temperatures with the chance of a little rain.

Feel free to wear your most festive and fun. Pull out those reindeer antlers, Christmas jewelry and Santa hats. And put on your running shoes, folks! This is going to be a great sleigh ride!

See you Sunday,
Samantha, Laura and Susan

Invitation to a Recital this Saturday



This Saturday, Dec 7, at 3:00pm, Pam Herbert will be hosting a recital of her private students here, at church! If you are delivering cookies for the cookie walk the next day, please feel free to stop in and show your support! There will be a wide variety of musical styles performed along with some classic holiday tunes!!



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve 4:00pm:

A lively celebration geared toward families with young children.

Christmas Eve 9:30pm:

A rich and joyful service that begins with carols and choir anthems.

Christmas Day 10:00am:

A smaller but bright service with plenty of favorite music.



Christmas Servers Needed

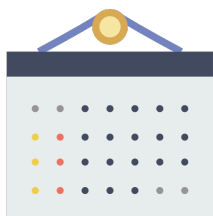
Acolytes, Crucifers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers

Signup sheets for all three Christmas services (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) are on the Signup Wall in the Parish Hall. If you would like to serve at these services, please sign up this Sunday. We need these positions filled during these important services! If you want to try something new, but are not sure of what you will need to do, training is available. Please contact Rev. Dan (rector@annunciationgurnee.org) or Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).



Adult Forum: The Jewish Roots of Christmas

Understanding the stories of Jesus requires understanding Jesus' bible, i.e., the Old Testament. At **Adult Forum on Dec 15 and Dec 22**, join Rev. Dan for a look at the colorful, passionate, and tragic stories from the Hebrew people that inspired how the earliest Christians imagined up all those shepherds and donkeys and wise men and dreams from the Christmas stories we love so well. Adult Forum meets at 9:15am.



Schedule Update

The Liturgical Ministry schedule for fall/winter has been updated. Please check your email for the notice and be sure to update your calendar. Questions? Contact Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).

Got Your Ornament?



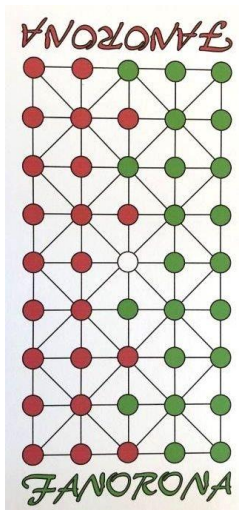
The annual Ornament Exchange is fast approaching . . . are you ready? Here's what you need to do:

1. Sign up on the "Christmasy" sign-up sheets on the Signup Wall.
2. Purchase an ornament which might not deserve to be beautifully wrapped, but do it anyway. Ornaments should cost about \$10.
3. Decide on a snack to share and what drink (alcoholic or not) you will bring.
4. Join us on **Saturday, Dec 14**, at 7:00pm.

After being properly admonished on our behavior and the rules by our resident elf, the choosing, stealing and horse trading for ornaments begins. As those who chose alcoholic continue to indulge, the game becomes more raucous and laughter rings out throughout the Narthex where we are sitting.

It's a huge amount of fun, and each year more people come (and very few from the year before don't come).

So, mark your calendar for **Saturday, Dec 14 from 7:00 to 9:00pm** and join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry, Jane Friess, or Diane Heath.



Want a unique game for Christmas gift-giving?

As many of you know, Annunciation has a special relationship with the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. The official game of Madagascar is a board game called Fanorona. When Sue and Simon Babbs were at Annunciation for an SNL presentation, they brought a wooden version of the game, and the families loved it. They are now offering a regular board game version complete with lemurs and chameleons. As a fundraiser for the Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund (to keep the diocese running), the Babbs are involved in making and selling the cardboard version for \$25 each with \$20 of that going to the Endowment Fund. The games will be available for Christmas giving. If you are interested, please contact Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



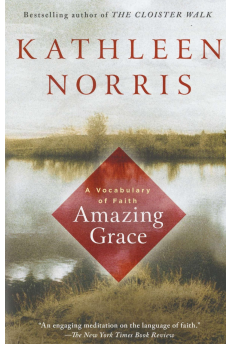
Wreath & Poinsettia Pickup

Thank you to everyone who graciously purchased items from the Scouts last Sunday!

The wreaths and poinsettias will be available for pickup after services **this Sunday, Dec 8**. For more information, get in touch with Andy Dallstream (andyddall@gmail.com) or Annunciation parishioner Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com).

Wednesday Morning Study Group

We are reading and discussing *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris. This week, our reading assignment starts with "Asceticism" on page 361, and we'll read



to the end of the book. We'll meet on **Wednesday, Dec 11**, for our final discussion before breaking for the holidays.

Come join us at 10:00am in the Adult Forum Room. We have a different volunteer facilitator each week and someone who volunteers to bring treats. Food and discussion, what could be better?! Questions?

Questions? Contact:

Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net)

Deb Gallinger (deb gallinger1@gmail.com)



Scouting Wants You!

Did you know that Annunciation holds the charter for three scout organizations?

Annunciation has long chartered Scout Troop 627 for boys, and three years ago chartered Cub Scout Pack 1627. Pack 1627 has recently become a Family Pack and currently, almost half the Cubs are girls. We are in the process of forming Troop 1627 for girls, which will launch this spring. If you know girls who enjoy the outdoors and would like the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, Scouts BSA Troop 1627 might be perfect for them.

For additional information regarding any of our Scout organizations, please contact:

Wayne A. "Bugs" Moran (bugsdelta@comcast.net)

Doug Lindsay (scoutmastertroop627@gmail.com)

Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com).



Fabulous Fourth Friday

Breakfast Items Now on Donation Sheets for Fall/Winter

You're invited to join in prayer, service, and fellowship on the 4th Friday of every month.

At 9:00am, we gather for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (and sometimes go out to breakfast right after).

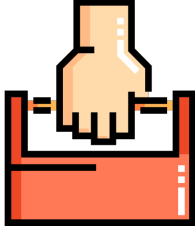
At 11:30am, we make lunches for PADS, the homeless people in Lake County.

Can't be there on Friday? You can also help by donating the food or money for the meals. During the winter months we will also include fixings for their breakfast on Saturday morning. We have additional items to give.

Note: Food donations for the Friday, Dec 27 lunch are due by Sunday, Dec 22.

Signups for both worker bees and donations are on the Signup Wall. Questions? Contact Pam Myers (847-740-2206) or Christine Hughes (847-363-7303).

Helping Hands



Though no longer an official activity of the Men's Group, Rev. Linda will still help you find help within the congregation for any work you might need help with in your home. If you're in need of minor repairs or labor, text or call her at (847) 340-3253.

Save the Dates

Dec 8 | Cookie Walk

Dec 14 | Ornament Exchange

Dec 15 | Advent Lessons & Carols

Dec 22 | Advent Pageant

Dec 24/25 | Christmas

Jan 26 | Annual Meeting

Feb 1 | Craft Day

Feb 2 | Rev. Dan's last Sunday

Feb 23 | Fat Sunday

Feb 26 | Ash Wednesday

This Week's Calendar

Sun, Dec 8

Worship | 9:00am

Cookie Walk | 10:00am

Tues, Dec 10

Cub Scouts | 6:00pm

Scouts | 7:00pm

Wed, Dec 11

Wed. Study Group | 10:00am

Fri, Dec 13

Indian Princess | 7:30pm

Sat, Dec 14

Men's Group | 9:00am

Ornament Exchange | 7:00pm

Sun, Dec 15

Worship | 8:00am

Adult Forum | 9:15am

Worship: Lessons & Carols | 10:00am

Tamil Language School | 1:00pm

Staying Connected

Rector Search Committee

[searchcommittee](mailto:searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org)

[@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org)

Parish News and Prayer Requests

Submissions due Mondays at noon

Send to [parishadmin](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org)

[@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org)

Website Updates

Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meal Ministry

Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper,

contact Samantha Robison:

Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: (773) 220-2562

The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings.