

Good afternoon, all.

Below is the link to this Sunday's (the First Sunday of Advent) readings and attached are next week's bulletin, the December Parish Calendar and more.

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/120218.cfm>

With the beginning of Advent, you will find lovely, new, hard-back missals with all 3 liturgical year readings, hymns and prayers. You will need to know that we are beginning liturgical year C (there are three cycles of readings; thus 3 liturgical years). The Penitential Act, Gloria, Nicene Creed and Invitation to Communion prayers are all in the very front of the missal and the Hail, Holy Queen, Prayer to St. Michael and Prayer for Vocations can be found on the inside of the back cover. If you would like to donate the cost of a missal, they are \$19; just mark your memo line "missal."

Benedictus, our local Catholic book and gifts store, is coming to Annunciation this weekend, with LOTS of nice gifts for the Christmas season. Stop in the Parish Center after the Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The HNS brunch is this Sunday in the Parish Center after the 10:30am Mass.

Children's Christmas Pageant practice will again take place after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday.

The Youth Group is hosting its Annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction this Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 6-7:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet for the chili cook-off on the bulletin board in back of church. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

This year's Forty Hours Devotion will begin on Thursday, Dec. 6 @ 5pm. The closing will be on Saturday, Dec. 8 @10am. ALL AVAILABLE SERVERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND! There are still a few empty hours available. Please look over the sign-up sheets in back of church and spend an hour or more with Jesus this Advent season. On this note, Bishop Stowe will be attending the school Mass on Friday, Dec. 7.

Christmas Cards to Seminarians

In the back of church are copies of names/addresses of the Seminarians of the Lexington Diocese. Please send one, several, of all of the Seminarians a Christmas card, to let them know you remember them in your prayers. Let them know, also, that you are a member of Annunciation Parish. They love hearing from parishioners! Send the cards early as they leave for Christmas Break by mid-December.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. . . 350 CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE. TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH AND MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS. SEE ANY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER AFTER WEEKEND MASSES TO PURCHASE YOURS BEFORE THEY SELL OUT! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP OTHERS. THE KNIGHTS DO MANY THINGS FOR OUR CHURCH AND PARISH SCHOOL:

I.E., THEY GIVE DONATIONS TO OUR YOUTH FOR RETREATS, OUR LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP, THEY COOK A SPAGHETTI LUNCH FOR THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF ST. MARY SCHOOL EACH MONTH THAT SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, THEY DO NUMEROUS BEHIND-THE-SCENE PROJECTS FOR BOTH CHURCH AND SCHOOL, ETC. THIS IS THE ONLY FUND-RAISER THEY DO EACH YEAR, SO PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING A RAFFLE TICKET OR FOUR!

I am feeling like I have forgotten something. :(Hopefully not!

I want to share this with you that spoke to me today.

"Purity is very much understood. We think, 'I'm not committing any sins against purity, therefore I must be pure.' That is not purity. Purity is singlemindedness for God. I want what God's wants. Like when we pray the Our Father. . . 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' Now that is purity. If we want what God wants and only what God wants. But this is so hard for us to say. Can we truly say that right now? 'God I want what you want, and ONLY what you want.' Maybe we aren't there yet. That is ok. Maybe we need to start with, "God I want to want what you want."

This is an exert from a youtube video 2mintues2virture

I hope everyone has a blessed weekend.

God bless you,

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[See the Parish Calendar here!](#)