



## December Newsletter

# The Messenger

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Religious Education Newsletter

Advent is a time to prepare and await the birth of Christ. Let's take time to listen and reflect on this season and the awesome wonder of God and his greatest gift of love.



## Upcoming Events

**December 8** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses 6:45, 9 & 10am Annunciation, 9am & 7:30pm Our Lady of Fatima.

**December 9** Children's liturgy at 10am Family Mass at Annunciation Church

**December 12** Grades 5, 6, and 7 will participate in confession during class time, either at 3:45 or evening class will go at 7:15pm.

Last Religious Education session for the year. Next class Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Latin Mass in our of Our Lady at 7pm at Annunciation

**December 16** Children's liturgy at 10am Family Mass at Annunciation Church.

Breakfast with Santa at the Annunciation Gym following the 10am Mass.

Luminaria Candles will be available in the gym.

**December 17** All parishes in the Archdiocese will have confessionals open from 4-7 pm for all to participate.

**December 18** 7pm Christmas program grade 1,2&3 at Annunciation Church

**December 19** No class

**December 23** Children's liturgy at 10am Family Mass at Annunciation Church.

**December 26** No class

**January 2** First class of 2019 Happy New Year!



In the spirit of **Advent giving**, the Religious Education Program has volunteered to help a family in our community that could benefit from financial assistance. Carina, a two year old super hero, has been battling a rare disease since she was 6 months old. Her and her family have been traveling for treatments for most of her life and she is presently receiving treatment for stage 3 Graft vs Host Disease. Her family is hoping to be home for the holidays this year. The students are encouraged to raise their own donations to give (for example: donating their snack money, asking their parents to do chores around the house) and to earn money to donate. Donations will be accepted on 12/5 and 12/12. Thank you for all your generosity and for keeping this family in your prayers.

**Looking for opportunities for your children to live out their faith during this Joyous Season...** Consider the **Living Nativity**, it is a children's Christmas pageant that is performed before the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Annunciation Church. If interested, please contact the rectory at 914-779-7345.

Or "**Good News**" **Newsletter**, this is an opportunity for your child to submit writings, poems and art of Faith for publication. Themes are Advent: Waiting for Jesus, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Nativity/Holy Family. Submissions can be submitted to Jeannie Sweeney at [jeannesweeney@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannesweeney@yahoo.com)



Family and Friends are welcome to join the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as they recall the events of Jesus' birth by leading us in Christmas hymns on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Annunciation Church. This is a great occasion to celebrate the "reason for the season".



A special **Advent Program** for Children ages 3-9 years old. The Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at Annunciation Church on Sundays in Advent beginning December 9, 16 and 23 at the 10 am Family Mass.



## More Important News

New Confirmation Packets are available on the website –

[www.annunciation-fatima.com/religious-education](http://www.annunciation-fatima.com/religious-education).

Confirmation is NOW going to be celebrated on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Annunciation Church. Each Confirmation candidate will receive 2 tickets for the upstairs ceremony. These 2 guests will join the candidate and his/her sponsor. Each candidate will

also be given 4 tickets for guests to view and partake in the ceremony as a simulcast on a big screen in the Lower Church.

New children's, teen's, women's and men's hats, gloves, scarves, socks as well as new infant hats and booties are being collected for a Christmas clothing drive run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please leave all new clothing items under or on the Mitten Tree located in the vestibule of Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Please take a **tag** from the giving tree, located at the St Joseph's altar at Annunciation Church. These tags have the names and ages of young boys and girls from different organizations across Westchester County that are in need this year. By taking a tag, you will be responsible for buying a gift for the children and returning the wrapped gift with its original tag to the tree by December 9<sup>th</sup>. The gifts are scheduled to be delivered on the morning of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity and kindness are so appreciated.

Shopping at **STEW'S**....Stock up on Stew Leonard's gift cards. For each card purchased, Annunciation School receives 10% of the total group purchase. All gift cards must be ordered by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Robin Spillane at 914-787-8725 with any questions.

Join the parish for 2 evenings of Advent prayer with guest musician and artist, Michael Corsini. Eucharist adoration, confessions and quiet meditation.... Another perfect way to prepare our hearts for the coming Christmas mysteries. The first day will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Wednesday 12/5 at 7pm and the second day will be at 7pm at Annunciation Church. All are welcome.



### **Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve Mass schedule: December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Family Mass, Children's choir at 3:30pm ~ Annunciation  
4pm Lower Church at Annunciation  
5pm ~ Our Lady of Fatima  
6pm ~ Annunciation  
10pm ~ Our Lady of Fatima  
12am Midnight Mass ~ Annunciation

### **Christmas Day Mass**

7:30am ~ Annunciation 9am ~ Our Lady of Fatima  
10am ~ Annunciation, 11am ~ Our Lady of Fatima, 12pm ~ Annunciation

### **No 5pm Mass on Christmas Day**

Continue to monitor Flocknote, our method of mass communications for Religious Education, for updates and reminders during the school year.



## In The Community

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Santa wanted to stop by and see all the good girls and boys in our community before the big day!!



On Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Annunciation Gym immediately following the 10am Mass. There will be face painting, magic show, ornament making and pictures with Santa!

10\$ per child, 30\$ max per family  
Please make checks out to Annunciation-OLF Ladies' Guild and drop it off at the rectory or school in an envelope addressed to "Breakfast w/Santa"



Also at the breakfast, Luminaria Candles will be available in the Annunciation Gym. The candles are used to light the street of our community. Please contact Chris and Nancy Gallin at 771-9744 or email [NancyGallin@optonline.net](mailto:NancyGallin@optonline.net) for more information.

### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday	5PM	(Annunciation)
	5:30PM	(Fatima)
Sunday	7:30AM	(Annunciation)
	9AM	(Fatima)
	10AM	(Annunciation)
	11AM	(Fatima)
	12noon	(Annunciation)
	5PM	(Annunciation)