



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

With hundreds of details to take care of at this time of year, please post on your refrigerator as a reminder of the wonderful things happening at St. Casimir to help us prepare spiritually as well.

*Please plan to join us for our **annual St. Nicholas breakfast on December 3rd following the 10:00***

***AM Mass.** St. Nicholas always makes an appearance with treats for the children and poses for pictures with all who wish.*



Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration with Sung Night Prayer

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a 4 week period of time to prepare ourselves for the Great Feast of Christmas. And one of the best ways to prepare is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. With this in mind, a reminder that St. Casimir has confession every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM and on **Monday, December 18th** there will be an evening of Adoration and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 7:00 PM in the church and for 50 minutes you may spend time in quiet prayer and there will be a number of friars present to hear confessions. The evening will conclude with sung night prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacraments at 8:00 PM.

Oplatek (Christmas Wafers)

The sharing of the Christmas wafer is a long standing tradition in our church. Before sitting down to enjoy your Christmas Eve dinner (Wigilia), family members have the opportunity to apologize for any hurt they may have caused during the course of the past year and wish family members good health, peace and happiness in the year to come. There are 3 wafers in each pack and a \$3 donation is requested to defray the cost.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and in your envelope packets. Please list the names of those to be remembered on a slip of paper and insert it into the envelope with your donation. The memorial lists will be put into a basket and will be placed in the sanctuary throughout the Christmas Season for remembrance in prayer.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

During its founding days, our country was dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of the Immaculate Conception, hence the naming of the Basilica in Washington, DC. And so in a very real way it is "Our Feast Day". Please note this year December 8th falls on a Friday and it is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Church. In keeping with the Holy Day, the parish office will be closed. Mass at St. Elizabeth Church will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.



Greccio (Live Nativity)

The Story of Greccio will be presented by our children on **Sunday, December 17th** following the 10:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the procession and singing of Christmas Carols. Please join us in celebrating the wonder of Christ's birth with a "Live Nativity".

CHRISTMAS SEASON **Christmas/Holy Day Masses**

December 24th	There will be a 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Eve for the Sunday Mass obligation
Christmas Eve	5:00 PM Christmas Mass (Carols begin at 4:30 PM) Midnight Christmas Mass (Carols begin at 11:30 PM)
December 25th	10:00 AM Christmas Mass
December 30	5:00 PM Mass
December 31st	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mass (There will be no 5:00 PM Mass)
January 1st	New Year's Day Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM