



# Make an Advent Wreath!

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Advent begins the eve of the fourth Sunday before Christmas, always the Sunday closest to the November 30th Feast of Saint Andrew. The word advent means “coming.” During Advent we prepare for two comings of Christ. We prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Christ’s incarnation, and we prepare for Christ’s second coming at the end of time.

You are invited to join us for our annual Annunciation Advent Wreath Making Gathering on **Sunday, December 2nd (the First Sunday of Advent) at 12:00 Noon** in our cafeteria to make a live Advent Wreath for use at prayer in your own home during the Season of Advent. Christians of many different denominations mark the days of Advent with an Advent wreath in their churches and in their homes. The Advent wreath is round, signifying that God’s love has no beginning and no end. The evergreens are symbolic of God’s eternal love for us. A \$15.00 per household registration fee includes the wreath form, a set of four candles (three violet and one rose), live evergreens, and ribbons and ties to secure and decorate your wreath. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,  
Director of Faith Formation

## Thanks for Sharing the Warmth, Annunciation!



Annunciation’s response to our St. Vincent de Paul Society’s November 11 Martinmas Coat Drive was a resounding success! A suburban full of coats and 3 shopping carts of coats made their way to the SVDP Bank Street location. Parishioners donated 50 coats, 10 scarves, 8 pairs of gloves, 7 hats, 2 pairs of boots, 4 sweatshirts, 1 pair pants and top, and 1 pair of earmuffs.

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### Special points of interest:

- We begin a new Liturgical Year - the Year of Grace 2019 - this Sunday, December 2nd. Inserted in our Sunday bulletin this week will be a notebook size 2019 Liturgical Year Calendar for your home. Each Annunciation School student is also receiving a calendar to bring home.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!

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# Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle - November 30



Saint Andrew  
13th Century Psalter

On November 30 we celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle. Saint Andrew is sometimes referred to as “The First Called,” because in John’s Gospel (see John 1:40) Jesus calls Andrew, and then Andrew brings his brother, Peter, to Jesus, as well. In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, Peter and Andrew are called by Jesus at the same time. We also know from the Gospel accounts that Andrew and his brother, Peter were fisherman from the town of Bethsaida in Galilee. Before following Jesus, Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist.

Tradition holds that Saint Andrew became a missionary and preached north of the Black Sea and in Greece. He was martyred for his faith. According to tradition, when Saint Andrew was to be crucified he did not consider himself worthy to die on a cross in the exact way that Jesus had. So tradition says he was crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras, in the country of Greece. (It is interesting to note that “X” is also the first letter of the word “Christ” in the Greek language.)

An X-shaped cross is called a “saltire” or the cross of Saint Andrew. The saltire appears on various flags, including the flag of Scotland. Some legends say that Saint Andrew even preached in Scotland during his missionary travels. To this day, November 30 is Saint Andrew’s Day in Scotland, a national holiday. To find out more about the significance of Saint Andrew to the Scottish people, click [here](#).

Andrew is the Patron Saint of Russia and Scotland, fishermen and the fishing industry, and the Greek Orthodox Church.

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew with a meal of fish and bread. Saint Andrew was a fisherman, and in the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes he was also the person who brought the boy with these food staples to Jesus (see John 6:8-9). A traditional Scottish fish chowder is “cullen skink.” You can find a recipe for this dish [here](#). On the Greek islands of Rhodes, Kalymnos and Kos, it’s customary to make Loukoumades or Tiganites on Saint Andrew’s feast day. Read more and find the recipes [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Saturday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.: [Annunciation Advent Concert](#)
- ◆ Sunday, December 2, 12:00 Noon: [Annunciation Advent Wreath Making](#)
- ◆ Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.: St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, December 6: [Saint Nicholas](#) Feast Day (Patron saint of Annunciation Catholic School First Grade Class)
- ◆ Thursday, December 6, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- ◆ Thursday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.: [Baptism Preparation](#)
- ◆ Saturday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.: Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the [Immaculate Conception](#) of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

***It’s Happening at  
Annunciation!***

## Advent Concert - December 1st

**Advent Concert**

Featuring the work: **Seventh Trumpet**

The Annunciation Choir,  
Annunciation Children’s Choir,  
Trumpets and Percussion

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 7pm**

Annunciation Church - 3547 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220