



# *Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

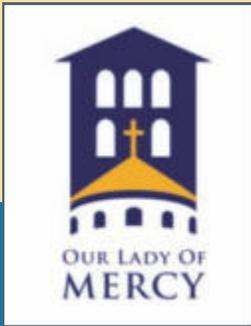


4<sup>th</sup>

December 20, 2020

**SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35



## Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



150 years after the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church, I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. [http://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-](http://vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-)

We welcome those who are new to our faith community; those returning to the Catholic Church or those simply visiting with us today. We are blessed to have you with us and are glad you are here!

If you would like to learn more about our parish or register as a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church, we invite you to contact us, 301-365-1415 or at [church@olom.org](mailto:church@olom.org).

You may also go to our website - [www.olom.org](http://www.olom.org) to download our registration form or pick up a brochure in the main entrance of the church.

### Our Mission

We are a Catholic community of followers of Christ who desire to be ever more deeply rooted in the presence and power of God. We are guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the tradition of the Church. We welcome all to join us as we reach out in justice and love to build God's kingdom.

## Mass Schedules

Please wear a mask when you are inside the church buildings. Keep 6 feet apart.  
Check out our instructive video on [olom.org](http://olom.org)

**Daily Mass:** 7:00 am & 8:30 am in the church -- **online - [www.olom.org](http://www.olom.org)**

**COMMUNION SERVICE** - Monday - Friday 11:00 am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 pm 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm & **12:30 pm Outdoor Mass\*\***

**Confession:** Tuesday 1:45 pm- 2:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday 30 minutes before the 9 am, 11 am and the 5 pm Mass

**\*\*Weather permitting  
Please check Flocknotes  
for updates**

## Sacraments

### Baptism

Parents are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Cwik, [frjoe@olom.org](mailto:frjoe@olom.org).

### Marriage

Couples make arrangements with one of the parish priests six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member is sick at home, in the hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish office.

### Clergy

Pastor	Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli	<a href="mailto:antonicellc@adw.org">antonicellc@adw.org</a>
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Joseph Cwik, x129	<a href="mailto:frjoe@olom.org">frjoe@olom.org</a>
Seminarian	Sean Skahen	<a href="mailto:sskahen@olom.org">sskahen@olom.org</a>

### Pastoral Associates

Faith Formation & Evangelization	Anna LaNave, x122	<a href="mailto:alanave@olom.org">alanave@olom.org</a>
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### Parish Administration

Business Office	Mary Conlon, x120	<a href="mailto:mconlon@olom.org">mconlon@olom.org</a>
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### Parish Offices

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## POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF ST JOSEPH”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

## 5 WAYS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH ST. JOSEPH

By Bishop William Byrne

From time to time you hear about babies being born in the car on the way to the hospital. Suddenly the expectant father becomes the obstetrician. While those moments must be very stressful, I imagine that the back seat of a car in 2020 must seem like the Mayo Clinic compared to a stable in Bethlehem. I don’t think that St. Joseph gets enough credit in making the Christmas story a happy one, so I offer you my 5 ways to spend Christmas with St. Joseph.

**Sore Feet** – I have never ridden a donkey before but I imagine that there is not much room for anyone besides a pregnant woman. The trip to the delivery stable was not short. Google Maps puts it at over ten miles of walking. Luke’s Gospel does not indicate that Mary was in active labor during the trip, but nonetheless Joseph did all the walking. Remember that getting things ready for Christmas can be exhausting, but don’t add to the stress of the delivery by being cranky. I guarantee you that Joseph didn’t complain.

**No Reservations** – We know for a fact that the Holy Family had no reservations so Joseph had to do some quick thinking. Flexibility is the first ingredient to lowering holiday stress. This Christmas expect the unexpected, say a little prayer to St. Joseph, and go with the flow. When things turn upside down, you’ll smile and not frown.

**There’s Company Coming** – After Jesus was born, there were a lot of visitors. First the shepherds showed up, next the Magi, and all along a multitude of Heavenly Hosts were enjoying the view. A little alone time is a nice thing, but it may not happen this year. Enjoy any calm before the storm. Don’t just lie on your bed and nap, spiritually rest. Say a decade of the Rosary slowly and ask the newborn Prince of Peace to let His peace stay with you when you are in the midst of a big crowd, especially if that crowd is related to you!

**Away from Home** – Joseph and his young family may have had some guests, but they were away from family or friends, otherwise they probably would not have ended up sleeping in the barn. Many people are alone on Christmas, and for some this is very challenging. If you’re not one of those people, stop and think if you know someone who will be alone and invite them over at some point for a little Christmas cheer. I am of the opinion that someone outside the family at the Christmas table puts everyone else on their best behavior. If you will be alone this Christmas, remember you’re never alone. In prayer spend some time with the Holy Family in their solitude. Holidays need not be lonely. You can actually make Christmas an intentional spiritual retreat, a planned time of prayer with the best company imaginable.

**No Delivery** – I am not talking about the baby, I mean dinner. New moms need to eat and drink to regain their strength. The Gospels make no mention of a Domino’s delivery camel showing up outside the stable. Joseph shopped, cooked and cleaned up. If that is your Christmas job assignment, be grateful because you’re in such great company. If you normally don’t help with these things, put down your eggnog, get your lazy self off the couch and say these simple words, “I will do the dishes.” Think of it as doing Jesus’ dishes. Pray for me and I shall pray for you in this most holy season.

## Prayers and Blessings!

Fr. Bill Byrne was ordained and installed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Springfield on December 14th at St. Michael’s Cathedral on State Street in Springfield, Massachusetts.



**Mass Intentions** (L)=living

**Monday, December 21**

7:00am Lucy Ronan  
8:30am Susan Moran

**Tuesday, December 22**

7:00am Andy Moran  
8:30am Kevin Coleman

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:00am John & Michele France (L)  
8:30am Jackie Mulholland

**Thursday, December 24**

7:00am The Cwik Family  
8:30am Sue Moran

**Friday, December 25**

the recently departed

**Saturday, December 26**

9:00am Colleen Callahan  
5:00pm Domingo Acevedo

**Sunday, December 27**

7:00am OLOM  
9:00am William Talbert  
11:00am Betty & William Schieve  
5:00pm Thomas Lynch

**Coronavirus**

**Dispensation and Prayers**

A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation (Mass). Catholics are encouraged to offer up their sickness or pastoral care for the sake of those who are seriously ill and for those who have died.



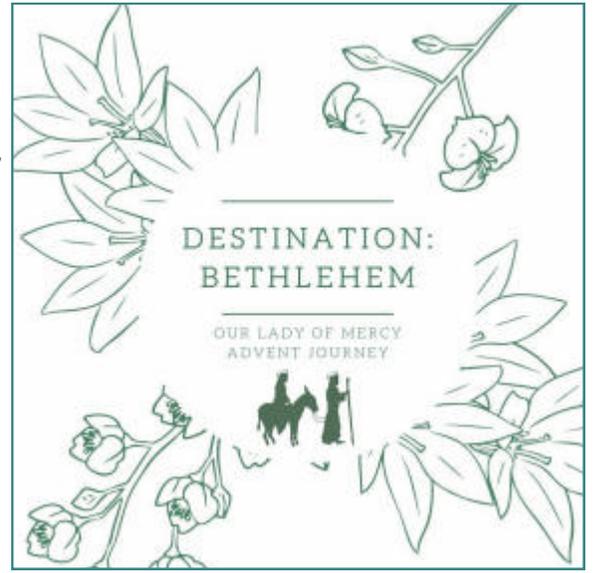
**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

**Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.**

After hours and on weekends a simple code is needed to unlock the door. To obtain the code, please call 301-365-1415.

**ADVENT IN A NEW AND SPECIAL WAY!**

Destination: Bethlehem, An Our Lady of Mercy Advent Journey Be intentional this Advent and prepare in a new way with this special program. Included are prayers, reflections, family activities, recipes, and more!



**Good news!**

We will be having a Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish on **Sunday, January 3, 2021 @ 6:30pm.**

Fr. Joseph Lee, the pastor, from St. Andrew Kim's Catholic Church in Olney, Maryland will be celebrating the Mass. We hope you will be able to attend. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be adhering to the CDC regulations. Thank you.

좋은 소식!우리는 2021년 1월 3일 일요일 오후 6시 30분 자비의 모후 성당에서 미사가 있습니다. 메릴랜드 주 올니에있는 성 앤드류 김 성당의 이 조셉 주임신부님이 미사를 집전 합니다. 참석하실 수 있기를 바랍니다. Covid-19 전염병으로 인해 CDC 규정을 준수 할 것입니다. 감사합니다.

**The Rosary at Mercy**

**All are invited to join and pray the rosary with us every Monday through Friday following the 8:30 am Mass and Saturday after the 9 am Mass in the Church.**

*O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His Life, Death, and Resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech You, that, meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
Carolyn Bruna, Phyllis Minaya, Brandi Tovaric, Shin Sook Son, Will Garcia, George Torrico, Agnes Lee, David Donohoe, Andrea Fay, Peter Sarrat, Cliff Hamilton, Bob Carnathan, Winnie Frost, Ann Schombert, Joseph Romero, Delores and John Propochak  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD:**  
The parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church offer our prayerful condolences to the families of **Bob Bennett, Bill Baldwin, Celica Battle and Robert Cadrette.**

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O KEY OF DAVID)**



**Unlocking every door**

Those who have been incarcerated know exactly what it means to face a locked door. So do folks who have been institutionalized with mental illness. But even those of us who have not been behind a literal door may find ourselves living under a sentence of fear, bitterness, depression, or unforgiveness. We may be locked out of relationships that are important to us because of resentment or past actions. Poverty is often a prison that keeps opportunity and hope out, while also fostering despair within. O Jesus, Key of David, unlock every door that keeps us from experiencing your freedom!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 (11). "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)**

**Just before dawn**

They say it's darkest just before the dawn, and today we've reached that moment on the darkest day of what has been a very dark year. Our hope in the worst of circumstances reaches a crescendo in today's O Antiphon: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." We've reached the edge of a dramatic precipice in our waiting. Have faith and get ready—daybreak is coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)**

**The unexpected king is arriving**

Today's O Antiphon heralds the Messiah's long-expected arrival as king. But clearly Jesus is not a typical king—because God's kingdom is not a typical earthly kingdom. Jesus will later proclaim, through the Beatitudes, that the kingdom of God is the inverse of what we humans expect. "Blessed are the meek," he insists—and the poor, the persecuted, and those who mourn. In fact, according to Saint Matthew's version of the Final Judgment, Jesus will be the king wielding harsh judgment against all who've neglected the "least of these." How will you serve our expected-but-unexpected king today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly."

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

**ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)**

**Do not doubt—God is with us**

As we the church celebrate Evening Prayer—whether in monasteries or in our own homes, the domestic church—tonight we pray or sing the seventh and final O Antiphon of Advent with these words: "O Emmanuel, our king and giver of law, come to save us, Lord our God." The name Emmanuel means God-with-us. As the season of Advent longing comes to a close, in a world that is in need of God's compassionate and saving presence, let us pray see and hearts to embrace the presence of God-with-us in the events and conversations of these holy holidays.

Indeed, O come, O come Emmanuel.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "What, then, will this child be?"

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

**ADVENT WEEKDAY**

**More than a song and dance**

For many Catholics of Mexican heritage, today is the final celebration of Las Posadas, nine days of reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for posada, shelter. Each day the ritual is the same: Participants knock on doors, sing songs begging for shelter, while hosts respond with songs denying shelter, and finally end with the glorious moment when the door is opened wide and the Holy Family is given shelter for the night. The repetition drives home the desperation of the most famous migrant family and migrants of all times and places, including our own. Can you take some action in support of migrants and refugees this Christmas season?

TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200). "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**The Light shines upon us!**

Today as we gaze upon a tiny infant born in difficult circumstances, we are also gazing upon a powerful love that has transformed the world—and us. Fragility and strength, new life and enduring love—these are not mutually exclusive. In the Incarnation, we encounter a God who has loved us since before the creation of the world and who longs to draw close and bring us life. This life is not to be "spiritualized" but to be incarnate in our whole life, including our places of pain and challenge. Saint Athanasius writes, "For the Lord touched all parts of creation, and freed and undeceived them all from every deceit." What is the freedom that God has begun to unfold within you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 (13); Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

**FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

**Don't cloak your compassion**

Even the greatest among us have their darkest moment. The great Saint Paul had such a moment before his conversion, when he looked on approvingly and guarded the cloaks of those who stoned the church's first martyr, the young and courageous deacon Stephen. Saul of Tarsus, as Paul was known before his conversion, no doubt was convinced that righteousness called for such a cruel and harsh death sentence. Be on guard for misguided righteousness wherever it rears its head, especially when that head is on your own shoulders. It rarely leads to compassion or mercy, God's signposts. Saint Stephen, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (696). "Stephen, filled with grace and power, was working great wonders and signs among the people. . . . They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him."

The "O Antiphons" are different names for God.

In the last days of Advent, the church appoints a different antiphon to be read each day during the Liturgy of the Hours. The first letter of each Latin antiphon in reverse order spells "Ero Cras," meaning "Tomorrow I will be." This clever word play is meant to help us to keep track of the days until the Incarnation of the Lord.



**Sapientia-Wisdom**

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 17

**Adonai-Lord of Might**

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 18

**Radix Jesse-Root of Jesse**

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

December 19

**Clavis David- Key of David**

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 20

**Oriens-Dayspring**

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the  
shadow of death.

December 21

**Rex- King of Peace**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 22

**Emmanuel-God with Us**

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

December 23

**Ero Cras - Tomorrow I will be!**

December 24



## **CHRISTMAS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY**

Due to the Covid Pandemic and the public health and ADW safety guidelines, dictating reduced capacity levels and socially distanced seating,

**ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES  
will be attendance by reservation only.**

**Go to Christmas Reservations**

**<https://olom.brushfire.com/christmas/484184>  
beginning on December 1, 2020**

Once you have a reservation you can print the QR code emailed to you or just have the QR code on your phone for presentation to the ushers.

**NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT A RESERVATION**

Any parishioner who does not have a computer or would like assistance in this process can stop by the Parish House for help with their reservation. Even though we will be socially distanced from each other we will still be blessed to be close to, and worship and celebrate, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**The Christmas 4:00 pm Mass will be live streamed and available for all to view at home at their convenience as well.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Thursday, December 24  
4:00 pm 6:00 pm  
8:00 pm & 10:00 pm**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Friday, December 25  
9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**Communion Service  
12:30 pm**

**Monday, December 28 - Thursday, December 31  
Masses at 9:00 am**

Parish Offices are closed until Monday, January 4

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Thursday, December 31, 2020 Vigil Mass 5:00 pm    Friday, January 1, 2021 9:00 am**

**Sustainability Tip of the Week:****Energy-efficient LED Lighting.**

If your strands of lights are older than 10 years, it will be more efficient to replace them with newer, LED bulbs. They can also save you up to 90% or more on power costs and will last longer than traditional bulbs. ([Sustainablebabysteps.com](http://Sustainablebabysteps.com))

**The San Miguel School**

**Save the date this winter** for a very special evening benefitting the San Miguel School on **Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 pm!**

Our Annual Scholarship Benefit has gone virtual and you won't want to miss this meaningful event that gives so many boys and their families a chance to succeed.

The San Miguel School is an independent, tuition-free, Catholic Middle School located just a few miles from downtown Silver Spring and serves economically disadvantaged Latino males in grades 6 - 8. San Miguel students receive a rigorous, values-based education in a joyous environment, with impressive outcomes. San Miguel Graduates go on to study at local high schools including St. John's, Georgetown Prep, Gonzaga, DeMatha, St. Alban's, Episcopal, Georgetown Day, Maret, St. Stephens/St. Agnes, and Don Bosco.

Sponsorship levels begin at \$5,000 to partially assist a student and go to \$15,000 for a full year's tuition. Any amount of giving is appreciated and your generosity makes a direct impact on these students and the lives around them.

To learn more about San Miguel or for questions regarding the Benefit and how you can participate whether through a sponsorship or through our Virtual Auction, please contact the school at 202-232-8345.

**Faith Direct**

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**Christmas Toy Drive**

Our Lady of Mercy will once again sponsor a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit the children of the Spanish Catholic Center and Sacred Heart Parish among others in need.



Please visit the Christmas tree located in the church foyer and select an ornament, beautifully decorated by Mercy students, with the gender and age of a child for whom you wish to buy a gift.

If you can't come into the church to pick an ornament, no problem! Just purchase a gift for any age or gender you wish!

Then return your **NEW UNWRAPPED** gift to the boxes located in the church and school foyers by **this Sunday, December 20.**

Please note that gift cards to Walmart, Target, Best Buy, and Macys are especially appreciated, and should be dropped off at the Parish House. Thanks for your generosity! Please call the Parish House if you have any questions.

**Winter Recruitment Campaign:****Volunteer for A Good New Year!**

Catholic Charities is recruiting 30 volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service.

To volunteer: submit an application, have a conversation with program staff about expectations, and commit to at least 75-hours of service including orientation and training. Except for medical professionals, **volunteering is done remotely** via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail.

Visit our website at [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/) to learn more and to apply.



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**SHARING OUR TREASURE  
OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUMMARY**

(Offertory, Christmas, Easter)

**FY 2019-2020** through October \$479,069

Average per Sunday is \$28,181

**FY 2020-2021** through October \$513,292

Average per Sunday was \$30,194

## Thank You Fr. Bill Garrett, OP



As we await on the arrival of our new pastor, Fr. Bill Garrett, OP has graciously agreed to be in residence and help with the sacramental duties of Our Lady of Mercy parish.

This is not Fr. Bill's first visit to Mercy. You may recognize him from our previous Mercy Parish Mission where he preached, said Masses and offered confession.

Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has a masters degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations. Fr. Bill has preached in nearly 200 parishes throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities on piano and guitar. **Welcome Fr. Bill!**

## Our New Pastor!



Archbishop Gregory has appointed Msgr. Charles Antonicelli to become the pastor of Our Lady of Mercy after a short seven months as pastor of St. Patrick in Washington, DC and Vice President for Mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington in 1993, Msgr. Antonicelli has served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia since 2018. In addition, he served as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Washington, St. Thomas Apostle Parish in Washington, and St. Joseph Parish on Capitol Hill. He also served briefly as an administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Rockville.

A native of Jersey City, he earned a political science degree at Boston College, and then relocated to Washington to earn a law degree at the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America. After working as an assistant corporation counsel for Jersey City, and as an associate attorney at two law firms, he entered the seminary and studied at the Pontificol North American College in Rome, where he earned a licentiate degree in moral theology at the Angelicum. He later earned a licentiate degree in canon law from Catholic University.

Shortly after his ordination, he served as a parochial vicar at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington and later at St. Andrew Apostle Parish in Silver Spring. In 1998, then-Cardinal James Hickey appointed him to serve as a Vice Chancellor, and he continued in that position until 2006. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI named Father Antonicelli as a chaplain to His Holiness, with the title "monsignor."

Msgr. Antonicelli has served as a judge on the archdiocese's Metropolitan Tribunal, and as Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Services. He also taught at CUA's Columbus School of Law from 2002-04.

**We will see Fr. Charles in January 2021. Happy New Year!**

## Blessings and Prayers for Our New Cardinal November 28, 2020 –

Pope Francis elevates Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, to the College of Cardinals during a Consistory in Rome.

*"Friends in Christ, In NYC about to board a flight to Rome for the Consistory. My heart brings the people that I have tried to serve & love in Chicago, Belleville, Atlanta & now DC. Keep me in your prayers as I welcome Pope Francis' invitation to assist him in his service. +WDG"*



*Pope Francis places the red biretta on new Cardinal Wilton*

*D. Gregory of Washington during a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 28, 2020. (CNS photo/Fabio Frustaci, Reuters pool)*

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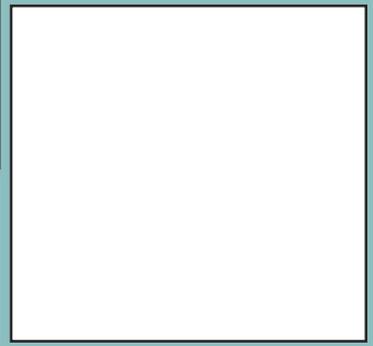
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