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The newsletter for listeners and supporters of Annunciation Radio,
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The Fall Sharathon: It's Almost Here!

It's time for the Fall Sharathon to begin! From Wednesday, November 28 through Friday, November 30, special "live" programming will invite listeners to phone in their pledges of financial support. The toll-free number to call is **1-877-275-8098**.

The Sharathon will run from **7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** each of the three days. Normal programming will run outside of those hours. Listeners in the Bowling Green/Toledo area can tune in to the Sharathon on WNOG, FM 89.7. Those in the Sandusky/Port Clinton area can hear the same broadcast on WHRQ, FM 88.1.

This Sharathon's lineup of in-studio guests includes thirty priests from around the Toledo Diocese. Host Sherry Brownrigg will interview them on the air, while a cheerful army of volunteers staffs the phone lines.

"We are thrilled that so many pastors agreed to be on the air this time around," said Deacon Mike Learned, President of Annunciation Radio. "For several of our priests, it will be their first time joining us in the studio."

During the Sharathon, a priest will celebrate Mass at 12 noon on each of the three days. The Mass will be broadcast live, and the Sharathon will resume when Mass is over.

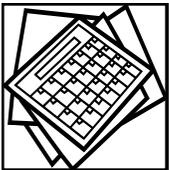
Each day, all callers' names will be entered in a drawing for a daily prize basket—one for Bowling Green/Toledo area listeners and one for Sandusky/Port Clinton listeners. The prize baskets offer great Catholic resources and devotional items, plus quality gift items and discount coupons from local merchants.

Please plan now to tune in to the Sharathon and pledge your ongoing support for the radio ministry of Annunciation Radio. Annunciation Radio is not-for-profit, listener-supported Catholic Radio in the Toledo Diocese. The station relies on the generosity of its listeners to remain on the air. Thank you and God bless you.

Prayer For a Successful Sharathon:

Lord Jesus Christ, we would not have the ability to spread Your saving Word with our talents and voices without Your Cross and Most Precious Blood.

We call on You now, through the intercession of St. Gabriel the Archangel, and Mary, Your Mother, Help of Christians, for our diligent work to glorify You and Your Name, for You live and reign now and forever. -Amen.



SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming Annunciation Radio Events:

November 28, 29, and 30: *Fall Sharathon!* Join the fun and listen each day to 89.7 in the Toledo area, or 88.1 in the Sandusky area! Listen for your parish priest and other great guests on our Sharathon— and don't forget to call 877-275-8098 with your pledge!

December 8 at noon: *Sharathon Volunteer Luncheon.* If you were able to volunteer to work at our Fall Sharathon, please join us in Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish Meeting Room for a delicious pot luck! We'll provide the table service, meat, and beverages— and would ask you to bring a dish to share. RSVP to Kris at 419-754-1009 or 877-275-8098 by December 5, please!

April 8, 2013— To help us celebrate Annunciation Radio's Patronal Feast Day, **Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR** of EWTN will be speaking in Toledo! More details will follow.

FROM THE PREZ....

My Friends,

Advent is a time of preparation--we have all heard this before. It is not unreasonable to respond "We've done this so many times, how can we make this Advent any different?" Our lives continue to challenge us and often resist our efforts to turn our eyes on the manger and live a life of peace. The only weapons we have against the world are also the best weapons: prayer, fasting, and turning to the sacraments.

By looking through the eyes of faith and nurturing it, we not only see the world for what it is, but we also tend to grow in faith and in a burning desire to be with Mary and Joseph in the stable so many years ago. Seeing the livestock looking curiously at these strangers in their home, we take a moment to reflect that we too are strangers in this world. The more we try to be part of it, the more we are drawn away from the simplicity and joy of that wonderful night when a star stopped in the sky and angels talked to shepherds.

May you have a faith-filled Advent, and may our Heavenly Father grant you His peace!

See you at the Manger!

-Deacon Mike Learned



WAITING FOR GOD— An Advent Reflection by Father Dave Nuss

Think back to a time when you were really looking hard to see something.

Perhaps you were staring down the street waiting for a long-awaited friend to emerge from the crowd of people. Maybe there was a startling noise and you were looking all around to find whatever it was that caused the sound.

If you're my age or older it might have been staring at the page and waiting for the words to come into focus!

In all these examples, distances can be tough to judge. It does not take too much to trick our eyes. Recently I was gazing out into Lake Erie and a lone light appeared on the on the water. It took a little time, though I realized it was the signal of a late season freighter. I had no idea just how far it still had to travel to arrive at its port of call.

This is how it was for God's people. They were looking hard to see the Messiah of God. They knew He would arrive, although they did not know exactly when it would happen.

Throughout this time of year, the Church seeks to encourage us to grow in our attitude of hopeful expectation. An essential aspect of being Christian is to be on the lookout for Jesus; that is, to be looking hard to see the presence of God made real, concrete and personal in Jesus Christ.

When the Messiah arrived, few really were expecting Him. In those days, most people had been blind to what was most essential in their lives and in the life of the world. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11). This seems eerily descriptive of our age.

Our Lord tells us to "stay awake!" (Matthew 24:42). Saint Paul says the same: "it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep" (Romans 13:11). Friends, it is time right now to put first things first, to remember what our lives here on earth truly are and to be looking out for Jesus' arrival in our daily experience.

The Church's 4-week period of preparation – Advent – commences. Its purpose is to help us ready ourselves to celebrate Christmas well, to see the splendor of God's glory ablaze in the Holy Child. The Lord Jesus will arrive soon! If our sights are blurred and we do not see clearly the light which is of God, now is the time to rid ourselves of whatever it is that impairs our vision, to rid ourselves of whatever it is that compromises our hope in God fulfilling His promise of sending to us the Lord, Savior and Messiah. Now is the time for an especially good examination of conscience and a thorough interior purification in the Sacrament of Penance which will help us to see and welcome the expected Holy One of God. Now is the time to take note of whatever it is which separates us from God, that holds us back from God, to loosen their hold and cast them out from us.



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