

September 8, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, &
12:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the Sunday 9:00am Mass

Monday– Friday
8:00am & 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday
11:30am-7pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm
Or call the rectory for an
appointment

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: www.annunciationdc.org, in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

CONFIRMATION: "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are in need of more Eucharistic ministers to make home visits. A number of our parishioners are home-bound and would like to receive Communion weekly. Help us reach out to our neighbors in need. Share the gift of the Eucharist and community. Please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x15 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org if you can help or have any questions. Thank you!

DC PADRES

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their first-and-only game on **Sunday, September 22** at the Bing Crosby Stadium in Front Royal, VA. The game begins at ~ 5:30 PM. Tickets available at the gate. See www.dcpadres.com or DC Padres Facebook page for details. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

If you have not read Paul's letter to Philemon in its entirety please do so today. There are no deep theological nuances to ponder or spend years deciphering. It is a personal letter to a friend who has heard and accepted the good news that Paul preached and who is asked to do something that is very challenging. Philemon had a slave named Onesimus who has run away and is now serving Paul as he is under house arrest. Onesimus has become a follower of Christ just as Philemon had done through the ministry of Paul. Paul knowing he will soon be sent to Rome and face death is sending Onesimus back home and is asking Philemon to accept him as a brother in the Lord and not as a slave who has run away.



Slavery was a well-accepted practice in the day and in the centuries to come. Runaway slaves were to be put to death. Paul is entreating Philemon not to do this but to accept Onesimus back into his family. This is a challenge to the law, to the common practice of the time and to the community who are to witness this event. It would be a foundation moment in the history of ending slavery. It's like a good movie which leaves us to ponder the ending for we have no knowledge if Onesimus returned to Philemon or how Philemon received him. What we do know is that Paul was doing what was right for both of them.

In our present day we are challenged to face practices and laws that need to be changed: prejudices, defaming words and actions, acceptance of violence as a proper way to behave, and disregard for human life. We need to stand up like St. Paul and say this needs to change.

God's peace,

Fr. Mike

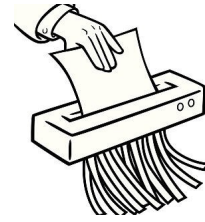
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is September 29th. Please join us for a Holy Hour in Church on September 29th at 4:00 p.m. Come and pray for our Priests, for the Priest who baptized you, for the Priest who hears your confession, for the Priest who celebrates Sunday Mass, for the Priest (Bishop) who Confirmed you. The Church needs you and your prayers now more than ever.



The Downtown Washington Serra Club will host a wine and cheese reception following the Holy Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 in the Parish Center to talk about the purpose of the Serra Club. New members and interested Catholics are welcome to come. For additional information contact Alice Middleton at Cathcap@aol.com

SHRED-A-THON!



Pack up your unneeded receipts, bank statements, and other documents and bring them to the Shred-a-thon on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10am-1pm in the parish parking lot. The suggested donation \$10.



Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: DC43 or call 866-507-8757 for a registration form.

SECOND COLLECTION

September 15

Building Maintenance

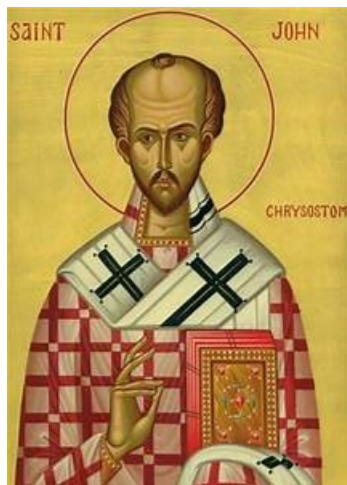
POOR BOX

Donations for the month of September will benefit SOME which helps meet the immediate daily needs of the poor and works to break the cycle of homelessness in our city.

This week's bulletin is made possible by our sponsor

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

circa 350-407

FEAST SEPTEMBER 13

One of four Greek doctors of the church and an eloquent preacher (chrysostomos means "golden tongue"), John was born in Antioch. After some years as a mountain ascetic, he joined the clergy in Antioch in 381 and became a noted biblical commentator. Elected patriarch of Constantinople in 398, John was outspoken. His broad reforms drew fire from secular elites and the patriarch of Alexandria. He was deposed by a gathering of bishops in 403 and exiled by the emperor. He died during a forced move in exile.

CNS Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 8 – *Twenty-Third (23rd) Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m.	Berard	The Carlsen Family	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Jack & Natalie Shea	In Memory
12:30 p.m.	Antonicelli	Clementina Theresa Sclafani	In Memory

Monday, September 9 – *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Jim Berilla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	Anthony E. Chrysakis	In Memory

Tuesday, September 10 – *Tuesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Msgr. James Montgomery	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. James Montgomery	In Memory

Wednesday, September 11 – *Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Berard	Falla Children	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Maria Ester Aquilera	In Memory

Thursday, September 12 – *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Hector Eduardo Falla	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Mellone	Msgr. V. James Lockman	In Memory

Friday, September 13 – *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Rolando Castanedo	In Memory
11:00 a.m.	Berard	James P. Gleason	In Memory

Saturday, September 14 – *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

9:00 a.m.	Berard	Andrea Clune	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Bernardo & Elvira Velasquez	In Memory

Sunday, September 15 – *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m.	Mellone	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
9:00 a.m.	Antonicelli	Kathryn Blair	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Berard	Parishioners	Intentions
12:30 p.m.	Fernandez	Lolita Lopez	In Memory

We can bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or home-bound. Ministers are available to visit any member of Annunciation who cannot attend Sunday Liturgy due to extended health issues or the infirmities of age. Please call Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 x 15 or email lindberg@annunciationdc.org. Weekly Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and sharing news from Annunciation keeps us all in communion as the Body of Christ.

Please continue to pray for all our parishioners who are hospitalized, home-bound, or living in a care facility.

CATHOLICS IN ACTION (CIA)

Our teen group, Catholics In Action, is in need of adults to chaperone them to various charities on Saturday mornings. Some of the projects involve adults to drive them around so they could deliver groceries to the home-bound. Contact Patrice Morace at 202-362-3323 ext. 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org if you're able to help.



THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, September 8

CLOW
9:00am (PC)
Faith Fun
9:30am (PC)
Unity Walk
3:00pm (Front of Church)

Wednesday, September 11

Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am (Church)

Thursday, September 12

Contemplative Prayer
6:25pm (Parlor)
Choir Rehearsal
7:30am (Church)

Saturday, September 14

ACS Yard Sale &
Shred-a-Thon
8:00am (Blacktop)
Baptism
10:00am (Church)

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

Looking to become Catholic or complete your sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist? Do you know someone who is interested? Our RCIA program may be the solution. Contact Patrice Morace at 202-362-3323 ext. 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org.



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

your child belongs

...in this parish
...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in the Catholic faith
...in the kingdom of God
...in Religious Education

Please register online (www.annunciationdc.org) under the Religious Education tab. We ask that parents plan to attend the Opening Session on September 18. The opening session will be held at Church at 7pm. Contact Patrice Morace at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org for more information.

FLOCKNOTES

Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Join the over 1,300 members already in the know! Sign up for email messages directly at <https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone> or on our website – www.annunciationdc.org. Please be sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe sender list to ensure delivery.



2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DONATIONS



Making room for new things? Consider making a donation to the 2019 Christmas Bazaar! Drop your items off at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm. Many thanks!

ANNUNCIATION YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Sign up for emails about Young Adult events on our website www.annunciationdc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our programs could use a few more adults to share our faith with others. We use a team approach so that the commitment does not exceed 2 to 3 hours on a monthly basis. Kindly take some time to pray and contemplate if God is calling you. Contact Patrice Morace at 202-362-3323 extension 13 or morace@annunciationdc.org to explore if this is the right ministry for you.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Meets on Wednesday evenings from 7PM to 8:15PM. We have 3 to 4 teachers per grade level so the commitment would be once every three or four weeks for 8 months. All lesson plans have been done for you so it's preparation and presentation. Our program is very experiential and provides lots of opportunities for the children to play games and do activities while learning their faith. Help is needed in grade levels 3, 4, 5 and 6.

We also have a few students with special needs who require one on one help. An online program is used for instruction. Adults are needed to walk with them through the program.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our children's liturgy of the word program runs every Sunday at 9AM to 9:30AM. The word of God that we experience at Mass are proclaimed to the children in a way that they can understand and incorporate God into their lives. Resources are provided so it's a question of preparation and presentation.

FAITH FUN

This program starts at 9:30AM to 10AM following the children's liturgy of the word program for two to five-year olds in the parish center. It is actually an interactive Bible study, with a verbal introduction followed by activities and games. All materials are provided to make you an expert!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We run our Bible studies during the day and also the evening. The daytime Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 11:30AM to 12:30PM in the parish center. The evening Bible study meets on Wednesday evenings at 7PM to 8PM at the Parish office conference room.

Both sessions run weekly from September to May. Our first session will be a study of the Gospel of Matthew and then during the Lent and Easter season we will be studying "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." We use video-based materials and all resources are provided including discussion questions.

RCIA & RCIC

These programs are for those who want to become Catholic. Our adult program meets twice a month on a Tuesday from 7PM to 8:30 PM. Our children's program meets on Sunday mornings from 10:30AM to 11:30AM weekly. All lesson plans and resources are provided.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We always need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Arimatheans (adults who help serve at funerals).

REFRESHMENT HOSPITALITY

We offer refreshments after the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses. We use teams of people for set up before the 9AM Mass. They replenish before they leave at 10:15AM. The cleanup team starts at noon to 12:30PM. We especially need people to step up for the cleanup portion. The commitment is once a month.

