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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass

Sunday
8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

Monday– Friday
8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

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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.

FLOCKNOTES



Want to receive timely information from Father Mike? Sign up for email messages 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.

BAZAAR DONATIONS

Christmas is officially over and we're collecting donations again. To keep us all safe and healthy, **please make an appointment to drop items off.** Contact Tina Lindberg via email at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or call 202-362-3323 x15.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I find it very comforting as well as disturbing to reflect upon the temptations of Christ by the devil. Disturbing to know that even the Son of God was tempted and that the devil has no limit to whomever he wishes to tempt.

It is also comforting to know that it is possible to resist temptations. Christ became fully human and was willing to join us in the trials and tribulations that life brings. He did not let His power as God shelter him from the fallen state of humankind. He resisted sin and looked to the love of His Father as the source of His strength. We too have the same loving Father and we too can count upon His faithfulness to us. As we begin the Lenten season, let us offer what is best in our lives to the Lord knowing that He will bless our gifts and multiply them for our good and the good of others.

The situation in Eastern Europe deserves our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three practices root us in the traditions of the Church and help us become even more aware of the needs of our sisters and brothers in the Lord. May your sacrifices be a blessing for you and deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and His Church.

There is still time to make your gift to the Annual Appeal, Please pick up a pledge envelope in the pews of the Church, and make a gift that will assist the Church to serve the least among us.

If you have not taken the opportunity to see the completed addition with the renovated restrooms, internal stairway, and elevator please go exploring. We are still waiting on the final inspections but we have the occupancy permit and are free to use this newly constructed space. Thank you to all who have contributed and made this a reality at Annunciation.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike



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.

HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on families, friends, and neighbors to notify the parish office if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion.

If you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at 202-362-3323 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

A MILLION ROSARIES

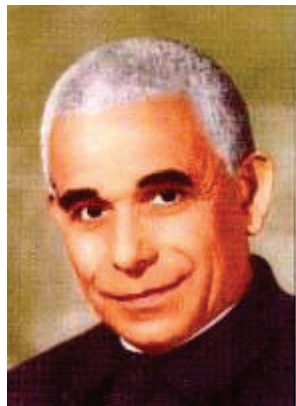
Join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.



POOR BOX

Donations for the month of March will benefit Martha's Table which operates nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth; fights for food justice and increases access to healthy meals and fresh produce for over 15,000 residents; and promotes family success through their no-cost community store and engagement programs.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. LUIGI ORIONE

Feast Day – March 12

1872-1940

The founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, which encompasses two active and two contemplative religious orders for men and women as well as a lay movement, was born in Italy's Piedmont. After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in 1895. Always devoted to the care of others, especially the poor and sick, Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were "Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 6—*First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	SOSJ	Rosemary Anderson	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	P.J. O'Rourke	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions

Monday, March 7—*Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Virginia Gutierrez	In Memory
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Tuesday, March 8—*Saint John of God, Religious*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Peace in Ukraine	Intentions
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Wednesday, March 9—*Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

8:00 a.m.	Sands	Romeo del Rosario	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Rose Sarsfield	In Memory

Thursday, March 10—*Thursday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Ben Patton	In Memory
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Friday, March 11—*Friday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Dorothy Caron	In Memory
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Saturday, March 12—*Saturday of the First Week of Lent*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Souls in Purgatory	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions

Sunday, March 13—*Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Art Lohsen, Sr.	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Lou Thomas	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Sands	Romana Miaco	In Memory

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



2022 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH (8TH) GRADE STUDENTS

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announced The 2022 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all eighth-grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who are attending a Catholic high school in the fall in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition is now officially opened.

Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay.

Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online. **All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2022.**

For more information, visit <http://www.lljsf.org/> or contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.

LENTEN VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP

Father Andrew Wakefield, our former Parochial Vicar, invites you to join St. Patrick's virtual book group during Lent to read "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.

They'll meet virtually on Wednesday, March 9, 23, 30, and April 6 from 7:00pm-8:00pm to discuss everyone's experience journeying through the text, try to answer life's tough questions, and encounter Jesus—and ourselves—like never before.

If you're interested, sign up for the Fellowship Group on Flocknote at saintpatrickdc.flocknote.com. They'll contact you through Flocknote with information on how to reserve a copy of the book and to provide the Zoom link for the meetings.



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

March 6, 2022

LEARN

LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, March 6

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Tuesday, March 8

Synod Listening Session
7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, March 9

Funeral — John Moretti
10am Visitation
11am Funeral Mass
Mass 5:30pm (Church)
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm (Church)
Religious Education
7:00pm (School)

Thursday, March 10

Contemplative Prayer
6:20pm (Zoom)

Friday, March 11

Stations of the Cross
7:00pm (Church)

Saturday, March 12

Mass 9:00am (Church)
Reconciliation Retreat
9:00am (PC)
Confession
4:15pm — 5:15pm (Chapel)
Mass 5:30pm (Church)



Virtual Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4 thru April 8

(3:00pm) Zoom

Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org to sign up

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4— April 8 (7pm)

The Light is on For You

Wednesdays, March 9— April 13

Eucharistic Adoration

(6:00pm – 7:00pm)

Confessions (6:00pm – 7:00pm)

Holy Thursday, April 14

(No 8am Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday, April 15

(No 8am Mass)

Confessions (12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Passion of the Lord at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

(No 9am or 5:30pm Mass)

Confessions (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am &

12:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt, April 17

Following the 10:00am Mass

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

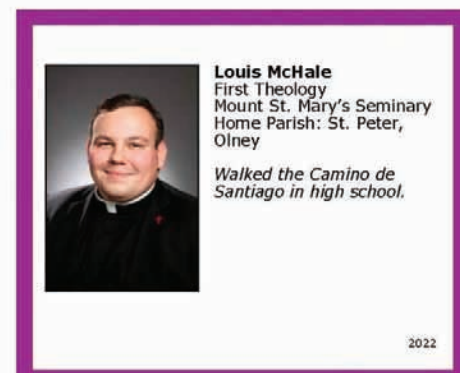
The Lenten Challenge is a series of 25 short emails, each with a daily challenge to help you focus on what is important this Lenten season. Check your mailbox beginning March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, for the first challenge! Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org to sign up.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is *From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity* to reminding us that everything we have and share with others is from our loving Father. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please consider a commitment to the 2022 Annual Appeal this weekend at home or in-person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Please stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent by praying for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese. Please keep in mind Deacon Grzegorz and Louis who have served this parish!

Heavenly Father, we beseech you to pour out your grace upon your servants and sons Grzegorz and Louis. Bless them in their formation and guide them in their discernment. If it be your will, strengthen them to be good and holy priests in service of your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, priest, prophet, and king, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Lent | Luke 4: 1-13

While Jesus was in the desert for forty days, He resisted temptation and was guarded by angels. Jesus kept His faith - His loyalty and allegiance to only God.

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For God commands
the angels to guard
you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.



Like Jesus, whose
faith was tested in
the desert, let us
also remain loyal
to God as we:

Follow
our
FAITH for
40 DAYS

- Following
- Baptism
- Jordan
- Spirit
- Filled
- Jesus
- Hungry
- Fasted
- Desert
- Forty
- Days
- Angels
- Guarded
- Resisted
- Temptation
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