

February 19, 2023

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**DEACON**

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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

Wednesday  
5:30pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday  
6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday  
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an  
appointment*



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18**

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23**

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48**

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

<b>Monday</b>	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

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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](http://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

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## HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify us 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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The outpouring of generosity to the needs of Syria and Turkey was unbelievable. Our hallways and rooms overflowed. Thank you so very much. Last weekend offered many opportunities for service. Your response displayed the love that Christ has shown to us, and now you have shone to others. I want to especially thank our young people and young adults for their assistance and boundless energy.



February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Services will be held at 8AM, 10:30AM with our School Community, and 7 PM. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. On the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 PM in the Church.

Please remember the three hinges of Lent and of the Christian life: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you are looking for opportunities to deepen your personal relationship with the Lord, attend daily Mass at 8 AM here or at a Church nearby where you work. When one is fasting, it gives us an occasion to experience the hunger that is everyday lived out by over 34 million people in America and 828 million who experience food insufficiency in the world. We can also fast from pride, judgement of others, and the sins that hold us captive. By sharing our blessings, almsgiving, we can answer the needs of our parish, church, and world community. In the Gospel for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus calls us, “to be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect.” This can only happen as we give ourselves to the way of the Lord and humbly receive his grace.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Masses: 8:00am, 10:30am (School Mass—All Are Welcome) & 7:00pm (No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession)

### Lenten Fast and Abstinence Guidelines

All Catholics from their 14th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on the days of fast. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed. Together the two meals should not exceed the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES EFFORTS IN TURKEY & SYRIA

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of central Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 21,000 and continues to climb.

Across affected areas in both countries, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. For Syrians, the damage took place in areas already devastated by years of war. In Turkey, the airports and the high roads of Anatolia are closed and most hospitals are unusable. Schools have been closed across the country.

Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Syria in Aleppo and Lattakia—where extensive damage has been reported—and other local partners. Already in Turkey, Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing.

Your gifts will help partners to provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies.

Fill out the [secure form](#) to make a one-time donation to help families affected by the earthquakes.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



## ST. PETER DAMIAN

988 – February 22, 1072

## FEAST February 21

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his brother when his other brother, who was arch-priest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana.

Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. He died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, February 19**—*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	Stacey Ouzts	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Park	Enrique Lewis-Morgan	In Memory

**Monday, February 20**—*Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Carlos Sanint	In Memory
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**Tuesday, February 21**—*Saint Peter Damian; Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Keith Armistead	In Memory
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**Wednesday, February 22**—*Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Pope Benedict XVI	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	School	Intentions
7:00 p.m.	Mellone	Benjie Byers	In Memory

**Thursday, February 23**—*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Dr. John Moretti	In Memory
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**Friday, February 24**—*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m.	Park	George Cardinal Pell	In Memory
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**Saturday, February 25**—*Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Albert E. Stecklein, Jr.	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	Maria Ferriday	In Memory

**Sunday, February 26**—*First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Mathew Huynh van Cao	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	William & Jeanne Cassidy	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions

## 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



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

The 2023 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship 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.

Interested 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, 2023.

For more information, visit contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications, at 301-780-5313 or send an email to [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).



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## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 19, 2023



### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



### The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



### Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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### POOR BOX

Donations for the month of February will benefit the FAIR Girls. FAIR Girls offers compassionate care to prevent the exploitation of all girls, with a special emphasis on girls who have experienced homelessness, life inside the foster care system, sexual abuse, and trafficking.



Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

## THIS WEEK ...

**Sunday, February 19**  
CLOW 10:00am (PC)

**Monday, February 20**  
Office Closed—Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 21**  
Walking with Purpose  
7:00pm (PC)

**Wednesday, February 22**  
Mass 8:00am (Church)  
Walking with Purpose  
8:45am (PC)  
School Mass 10:30am (Church)  
Mass 7:00pm (Church)  
No Eucharistic Adoration or  
Confession

**Thursday, February 23**  
Contemplative Prayer  
6:20pm (Zoom)

**Friday, February 24**  
Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm (Church)

**Saturday, February 25**  
Confirmation Retreat  
9:00am (Church)  
Confession 4:15pm (Church)

## PARISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS OUTREACH TEAM

Parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Outreach Team. Come and save lives! The team brings helpful and lifesaving information to parish groups to raise awareness about domestic violence and community resources that can help families. Using provided curriculum and training, volunteers will prepare and present short presentations to parish groups virtually or in-person during the year to raise awareness and help families know community resources available to help families suffering domestic abuse. Catholic Charities supports and assist presentations. For more information contact Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org, (301) 247-7926. To apply click [Parish Domestic Violence Awareness Outreach Volunteer](#). Applications are due by March 10th.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Blessed Sacrament will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The Winter series will begin Tuesday, February 28, 2023 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 18 from 7:45-8:45 PM. Meetings are virtual using zoom technology. There is no fee, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

## JOIN THE SERRANS

Are you being called to holiness? Are you being called to be a Serran? Come join Serrans as we pray for vocations and for those in consecrated life. Holy Hours are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Annunciation Church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington 20016.

The Holy Hours will be March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7. Please come and join us in prayer in this lay apostolate. To learn more about Serra, contact Alice Middleton, Serra Club President at [cathcap@aol.com](mailto:cathcap@aol.com).

## 2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

**2023 Annual Appeal: Many Ministries, One Church** | This weekend parishioners are being asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Please complete or take a commitment form at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at [give.adw.org](http://give.adw.org). Visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.



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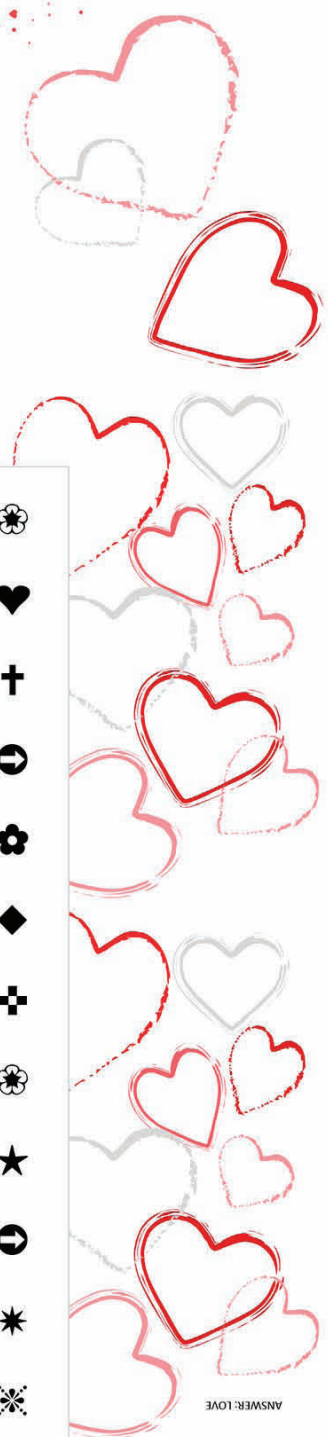
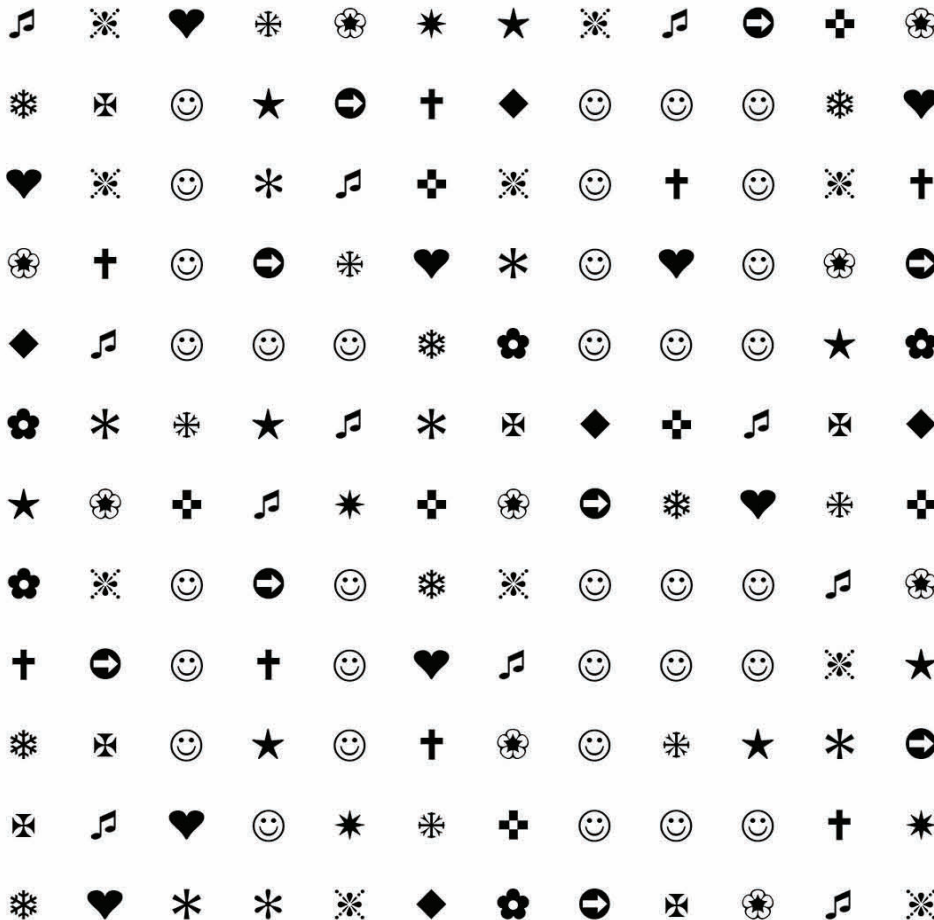
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As Jesus continues His Sermon on the Mount, He tells us to love and pray for everyone and be forgiving to those who hurt us.

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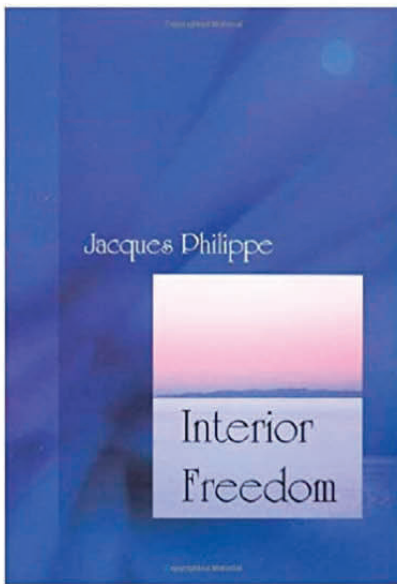


Be like God our Father  
who always loves and  
forgives His people.



ANSWER: LOVE

# ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



## February's book choice is *Interior Freedom* by Jacques Philippe

### About the book:

Interior Freedom leads one to discover that even in the most difficult circumstances we possess within ourselves a space of freedom that nobody can take away, because God is its source and guarantee. Without this discovery we will always be restricted in some way and will never taste true happiness. Author Jacques Philippe develops a simple but important theme: we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. He explains that the dynamism between these three theological virtues is the heart of the spiritual life, and he underlines the key role of the virtue of hope in our inner growth.

### About the Author:

Rev. Jacques Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, founded in France in 1973. Ordained in 1985 and a preacher of retreats in France and abroad, he has written several books which focus on themes of interest to modern readers, including the need for prayer, peace of heart, and a correct understanding of freedom.

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

### Questions? Need a book?

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offer that same "yes" to God.

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions,  
we want our lives to become like Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—  
Be it done to me according to Your Word!

The first meeting is on  
**Tuesday, February 28th** from **7-8:15pm** in the **Parish Center**.

Email Andy Harms if you have any questions:

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