



Annunciation Catholic Church

+ *Be it done to me according to your Word* +

Mass Schedule

Mass Times

Saturday.....(Vigil) 5:30pm
Sunday.....8am, 10am, 12pm

Daily Mass

Monday – Friday.....8:00am
Wednesday.....5:30pm
Saturday.....9:00am

Confessions

Wednesdays.....6:00-6:45pm
Saturdays.....4:15-5:15pm

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday 6-7pm

Rosary

After the 8am daily Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

After the 9am Saturday Mass

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Mass Readings – Worship 1027
Entrance Hymn – Worship 461
Offertory Hymn – Worship 466
Communion Hymn – Worship 657
Closing Hymn – Worship 645

Parish Announcements

Today's second collection supports our religious education program.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 7pm in the Church.

Our next Roth concert is this evening, Sunday, February 26th at 5:00pm. A reception will follow in the parish center.

There will be a square dance on Monday, February 27th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

The Men's Group will meet at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Please stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the foyer and choose a seminarian to pray for each day during Lent.

Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Annunciation Catholic Church exists to further God's reign in all its members and our local community.

Through worship, education and prayer, we come together to minister to all God's people in healing and reconciling love.

Our Parish



Hours

Monday-Friday
9am-4pm

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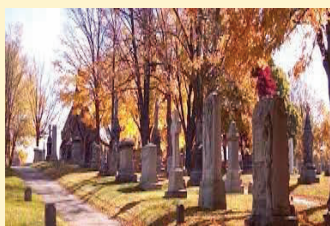
Sacramental Celebrations



Baptism joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic Church. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process. For more information contact Andreja Mezek.



Couples should contact the parish office as soon as they are able, at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation. Any inquires should be sent to Stephanie Lucas.



Our parish continues Christ's ministry of healing to those who suffer physical or emotional ills with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Our parish also wants to assist with the passing of a loved one. In death life is changed, not ended, because of our faith in the Resurrection. Please contact the office so that our staff can help you with the funeral arrangements.

Liturgical Worship

***"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows."* (Sacrosanctum Concilium)**

Active participation in our worship of God fosters growth in faith, hope and charity for all the faithful, but particular ministries help in that participation. If you would like to be a lector (a reader of Sacred Scripture), an acolyte (a minister who assists the priest at the altar), or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (a minister who helps distribute the Eucharist), please contact Tina Lindberg.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). If you would like to be a part of our music ministry, please contact Frank Conlon:
frankconlon@comcast.net

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With the weather this past week we are reminded that spring is on the way, but winter will not let go so easily. Is this nature's way of reminding us that Lent is here, a time to repent? But sin will not let go of us. The first Sunday of Lent enables us to read from Matthew's Gospel on the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The use of the word, "wilderness", helps us to recall the time Israel and Moses spent travelling through the desert for 40 years and the fast of Moses and Elijah. During the Exodus, God is testing Israel. Repeatedly, Israel falls away from God.



Now with Jesus, the Son of God, the temptation comes from the devil and Jesus is ever faithful. God showed Israel how much He loved her and continually drew her back to Himself. Jesus shows how much He loves the Father and is ever faithful to God. It is for us to take this time to call upon the Lord to give us the grace to follow His ways. Read the Scriptures daily so we are nourished on the Word of God; refrain from those things, which draw us in on ourselves to the exclusions of our sisters and brothers; and generously give back to God the blessings He has bestowed upon us. May Lent be a time to learn of God's great love for us.

March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, will be the opening of our 75th Anniversary Year as a parish. We will celebrate on the 25th following the 5:30pm Mass with International Night. During the course of the year we will have various events to help us celebrate the history of our parish and the joy of welcoming new sisters and brothers into our faith community. Please look forward to participating in all of the upcoming events.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

Square Dance

There will be a Square Dance on Monday, February 27th in the Parish Center. Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm with dancing to follow. For more information contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



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.

Relief for Turkey & Syria

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services supports 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

THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States has opened the Earthquake Aid for Turkey and Syria Fund to provide immediate relief to the families that suffered catastrophic loss due to the earthquake that shook Turkey and Syria.

Proceeds from this fund will support missionary priests, religious women and lay missionaries on the ground providing assistance to those impacted by the disaster, defined by Bishop Antoine Audo, SJ, Chaldean Bishop of Aleppo, in Syria, as a “tremendous bomb.” The link to donate to the fund is [here](#).

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States work through local Bishops, churches, and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly, based on the needs of individual Churches.

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.

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Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent | Matthew 4:1-11

To begin His ministry Jesus prayed, fasted and avoided sin as He spent 40 days in the desert praying to God. He believed the Holy Spirit would be with Him.

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Eat a pretzel after your prayer this week.



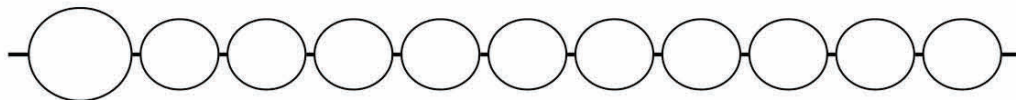
Dear God,
This week I pray for these people I love.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Add as many people as you want to the list.

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Think about this mystery before praying.
In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to God about what was to take place.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Think about Jesus praying to God, "Thy will be done".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, join RCIA.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of spiritual formation that includes prayer, sharing, and study and occurs in the context of the parish community. It is intended for adults who:

- are not baptized and would like to be fully initiated and welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
- were baptized in another Christian community/tradition and seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- were baptized as Catholics as infants/children but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA Meetings take place on Mondays from 7-8:30pm.

Children's CCD

The Children's Faith Formation program exists to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. It provides sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children in First through Eighth Grades.

For any questions please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH

Homeless Ministry

Food donations are accepted throughout the year. Please place any donations in the bin in the church hallway.

Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

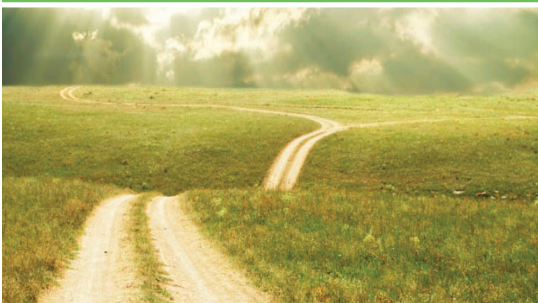
Please notify us if parishioners are hospitalized or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

Parish Bazaar

We are still accepting donations for our Christmas in July bazaar on July 14-July 16. For more information, contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)



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.

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct



**“Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations.”**

- Mt 28:19



PARISH LIFE



Meetings take place every Tuesday 7:00-8:15pm,
or Wednesday 8:45-10:00am in the Atrium,
contact Tina Lindberg for more info

Cooking with Anna

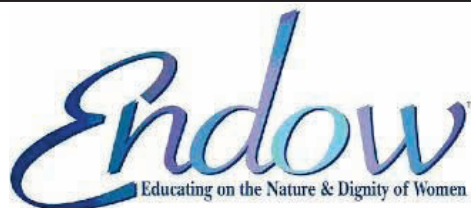
Young Adults who want to improve their cooking skills while also helping the poor have come to the right spot.

Anna Saint John, a professional caterer, helps interested young adults to learn new dishes while making meals for the McKenna Center for the Homeless. Contact Tina Lindberg for more info.



**PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR
PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Every Thursday at 12pm
in front of the Russian Embassy
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW



With Endow, women encounter their identity as daughters of God helping them to grow in their faith. Meetings take place every Wednesday 7:15-8:30pm in the Atrium. Contact Tina Lindberg for more info.

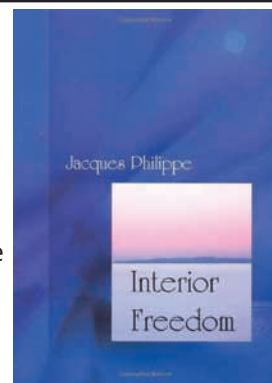
MEN'S GROUP
FAITH + FRATERNITY + FIAT

Through faith formation and fraternal discussions, the men of the parish strive to imitate Mary and Joseph's Fiat to God—Be it done onto me according to Your Word!

Every Tuesday 7:00-8:15pm in the Parish Center
Contact Andy Harms for more info:
andrew.j.harms@gmail.com

Book Club
Book of the Month

We will meet on Sunday, February 26 at 11am in the Parish Center for discussion. If you need a copy of the book, contact Tina Lindberg.



LENT BEGINS

Eucharistic Adoration

- Wednesdays of Lent | 6:00pm-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross

- Fridays of Lent | 7pm

Confessions

- Wednesdays | 6:00pm-6:45pm
- Saturdays | 4:15pm - 5:15pm

By appointment | call the rectory office at 202-362-3323



Lenten Prayer and Study

Saturday, March 11, 2023 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

From Worry to Wonder presented by Melissa Overmyer

Lenten Giving

Lenten Food Drive with the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation

Saturday, March 18- Sunday, March 19

Vocations Tree

Here's something simple you and your family can do for Lent! There is a "Vocations Tree" in the church foyer with cards hanging on it. Each card has information about a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose a card (or more than one!) and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Who knows? You could be praying for a future pastor of our parish!



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 Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 26

8am + Mathew Huynh van Cao
10am +William & Jeanne Cassidy
12pm Parishioners

Monday, February 27

8am +Benjie Byers

Tuesday, February 28

8am +Peter Thornburgh

Wednesday, March 1

8am Mike Sheehan
5:30pm +Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 2

8am +Benjie Byers

Friday, March 3

8am +Virginia Gutierrez

Saturday, March 4

9am +Jeff Noordermeer
5:30pm +Willie James Hill

What's Happening This Week?

Sunday, February 26

CLOW, 10:00am (PC)
Book Club, 11:00am (Atrium)
Roth Concert, 5:00pm (Church)

Monday, February 27

Square Dancing, 6:30pm (PC)

Tuesday, February 28

Walking With Purpose, 7:00pm (Atrium)
Men's Group, 7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, March 1

Walking With Purpose, 8:45am (Atrium)
CCD, 7:00pm (School)

Thursday, March 2

Contemplative Prayer, 6:20pm (Zoom)

Friday, March 3

Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm (Church)

Saturday, March 4

Baptism, 10:30am (Atrium)

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 or call cell: (202) 577 - 2213.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 26, 2023



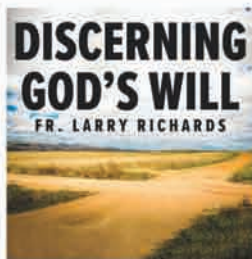
Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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*Grateful appreciation goes to the Johansen Charitable Trust, the Potter Violin Company, and the Korean
Concert Society for their generous support of the Johansen International Competition.*

A reception follows the concert in our Parish Center.

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For further information please call 202-441-7678. Sign-up for our email list at brianqthorne@icloud.com

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