



# Annunciation Catholic Church

*Be it done to me according to your Word*  
+Luke 1:38+

**September 3, 2023**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Schedule

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

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

Worship 1172  
Entrance Hymn – Worship 599  
Responsorial Psalm  
*"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God."*  
Offertory Hymn – Worship 761  
Communion Hymn – Worship 939  
Closing Hymn – Worship 885

## Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our school.

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

**Welcome to Annunciation!**

## 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

### Contact

(202) 362-3323  
parish@annunciationdc.org

**Msgr. Michael Mellone**

*Pastor*  
mellone@annunciationdc.org

**Rev. Adam Park**  
*In Residence*

**Rev. Francis Afu**  
*In Residence*

**Deacon William Maksymiec**  
*Permanent Deacon*

**Stephanie Lucas**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
parish@annunciationdc.org

**Andreja Mezek**  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
mezek@annunciationdc.org

**Tina Lindberg**  
*Coordinator of Parish Outreach  
& Social Concerns*  
lindberg@annunciationdc.org

**Frank Conlon**  
*Director of Music*  
frankconlon@comcast.net

**David Slusarczyk**  
*Facilities Manager*



**Nicole Peltier-Lewis**  
*Principal*

**Richard Kightlinger**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Coretta Streat**  
*Assistant Principal*

**Sheikel Boggs**  
*Admissions Director*

**Kay Langenbacher**  
*Office Manager*

**Contact**  
(202) 362-1405  
<https://annunciationschool.net>  
info@annunciationschool.net

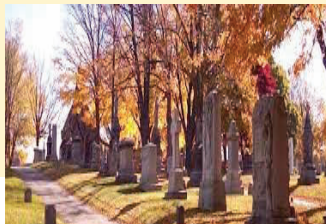
## Sacramental Celebrations



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 marriage preparation. Any inquiries should be sent to the parish office.



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,

Last week's reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans said, "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" St Paul was providing insight into the mystery of God. God is so other than ourselves it is impossible to know the mind of God unless He reveals himself to us.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus shares with his disciples that he must suffer, be killed, and be raised on the third day. This message is beyond the disciples understanding. The disciples have seen Jesus perform incredible miracles, he has stated he is the Christ, the Son of God. This is what St. Paul means by the phrase, "how unsearchable his ways." How can the Son of God be killed? Peter is unwilling to accept this and even tempts Jesus to turn away from the will of his Heavenly Father.

We witness the example of many people, including St. Peter, who begin to think as God desires. Taking up our personal cross and bearing it with grace and humility unites us to the will of God. It becomes not only a blessing for us but an example which blesses others. Their faith strengthens ours and our faith strengthens others. By accepting the will of God in our lives we become united to our heavenly Father and live as his sons and daughters. Challenging as this is, it is the way to eternal life.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 3

8am	†Anthony Bow Jung	Mellone
10am	Parishioners	Park
12pm	†Romana Miaco	Afu

### Monday, September 4

8am	Simonetta Brandolini d'Adda	Mellone
-----	-----------------------------	---------

### Tuesday, September 5

8am	†Elvira Velasquez	Park
-----	-------------------	------

### Wednesday, September 6

8am	†Benjie Byers	Afu
5:30pm	Edfa Bagalacsa & Family Thanksgiving	Mellone

### Thursday, September 7

8am	†Benjie Byers	Mellone
-----	---------------	---------

### Friday, September 8

8am	†Benjie Byers	Afu
-----	---------------	-----

### Saturday, September 9

9am	†Helena Carrasco	Park
5:30pm	†Benjie Byers	Afu

## What's Happening This Week?

### Sunday, September 3

CLOW, 10:00am (Atrium)

### Monday, September 4

Office Closed—Labor Day

### Wednesday, September 6

Mass, 5:30pm (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6:00pm (Church)

### Thursday, September 7

Contemplative Prayer, 6:25pm (Zoom)

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (Church)

### Saturday, September 9

Confessions, 4:15pm (Church)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

## Parish Bazaar

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

For more information on these programs, contact Tina Lindberg at [lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org).

# FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

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



## POOR BOX

Donations for the month of September support the DC Food Project and Weekend Bag Program which provides weekend meals for students.

Donate with Venmo



or sign-up with Faith Direct





## PARISH LIFE



### walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and  
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Atrium.  
Contact Sue Lohsen at [sue@lohse.com](mailto:sue@lohse.com) for more info.

### ANNUNCIATION

## 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 to me according to Your Word!

Tuesdays from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Center  
Contact Daniel Danello for more info:  
[dfdanello@gmail.com](mailto:dfdanello@gmail.com)



### Pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

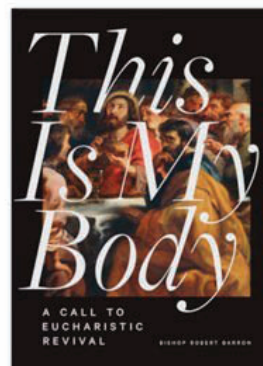
Every Thursday  
at 12pm—Rain or Shine  
in front of the  
Russian Embassy  
2650 Wisconsin Ave NW

## BOOK CLUB

### Book of the Month

We will meet on Sunday,  
**September 24th at 11am** in  
the Parish Atrium.

For more info contact  
Tina Lindberg at  
[lindberg@annunciationdc.org](mailto:lindberg@annunciationdc.org)



### Coffee Hour is Back!



Thanks to volunteers, there are now donuts and coffee after the 8am and 10am Masses every week, but after the 12pm Mass only on the second Sunday of the month. With more volunteers, we can have donuts and coffee after that Mass, too. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, or to tend the coffee and donuts between Masses, please contact Anita Siegfriedt at [asiegfriedt@gmail.com](mailto:asiegfriedt@gmail.com).

### Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston for Zoom Coordinates and any questions you may have—  
[martha@marthajohnston.com](mailto:martha@marthajohnston.com).

**"Go, therefore,  
and make disciples  
of all nations."**

— Mt 28:19



### Pray the Rosary

*Pray in English Monday through Friday  
after the 8am Mass,  
in Spanish after the 10am Mass on Sunday  
Meet in the church*





# Annunciation



75th Anniversary

2023-2024



*Rejoice, So Highly Favored!*

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

## Annunciation's 75th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th  
ANNUNCIATION PARISH CENTER


COCKTAILS 6:30-7:30 PM  
DINNER 7:30-9:30 PM

TICKETS \$75 A PERSON  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

NOTE SPACE IS LIMITED

Invitations have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please send back your RVSP as soon as possible to secure a seat. You can also buy tickets at our 75th Anniversary table at church after the Saturday 5:30 PM masses and the Sunday masses.

For more information  
call (202) 362-3323  
or email [75anniversary@annunciationdc.org](mailto:75anniversary@annunciationdc.org)



# Religious Education

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Our faith is a lifelong process of formation and knowledge.

Online registration is now open for our 2023-2024

Catechetical Program year!

Register your 1-8 grade child(ren) today.

Religious Education sessions will begin on

**Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm** with an opening celebration in the Church.

Scan the code to complete registration.

Contact Andreja Mezek at 202.362.3323 ext 13 or [mezek@annunciationdc.org](mailto:mezek@annunciationdc.org) for information.



## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

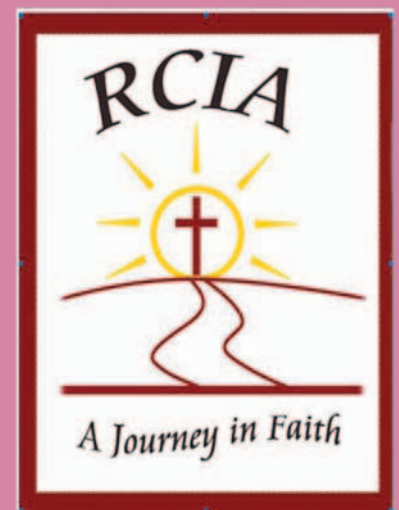
Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact Andreja at 202-362-3323 or [mezek@annunciationdc.org](mailto:mezek@annunciationdc.org).





# < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:21-27

The Bible tells us when we live for Jesus on earth, eternal life awaits us in Heaven.

©2023 Bon Venture Services, LLC

## THE CROSS ROOM



- Draw your own Cross Room pictures -

The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear it's weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told.

As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you brought in." -Unknown




Taking up a cross doesn't mean we carry a real cross like Jesus did, it means "follow Jesus". We are told doing so is sometimes hard work or great labor, but it is a labor of love for Jesus, with great rewards.

**In the Cross Room story the man thought his labor was too great. What did he learn?**

**Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28





## BLESSED SACRAMENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, 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 next series will begin **Tuesday October 24, 2023** and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through December 12, 2023 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are virtual. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanlpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanlpc@gmail.com) or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

## MASS HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition, the World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division, "The Blue Army" invites you to a service which includes the Rosary, Mass, Confession, Brown Scapular enrollment, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Basilica of the National Shrine in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 1:00pm. For more information call 301-595-1770.

### Giving our YES to God



## ANNUNCIATION MEN'S GROUP

Imitating the example of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, the men of Annunciation want to help each other 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, September 12th**  
from **7-8:15pm** in the **Parish Atrium**.

Email Daniel Danello if you have any questions: [dfdanello@gmail.com](mailto:dfdanello@gmail.com)

faith + fraternity + fiat



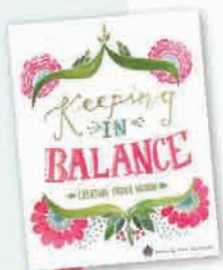
# *Come as you are.*

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

**Make authentic connections with other women**  
**Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God**

Feeling pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives.

In ***Keeping in Balance***, we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Come along on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our current daily challenges. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.



Annunciation Parish Center  
Beginning September 12 and 13  
Tuesday Evenings from 7-8:30pm  
Wednesday Mornings from 9-10:30am

Visit our website for more info:  
<http://www.annunciationdc.org/walking-with-purpose.html>



walking with purpose

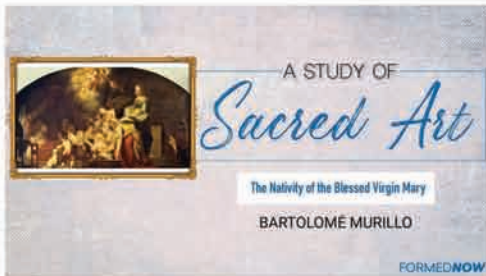
[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)





# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 03, 2023



## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



## Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



# W.L. Gary Co., Inc.

ESTABLISHED 1923  
 Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning  
 24 Hour Emergency Service • Repairs or Replacements  
 10% Discount on Parts & Labor  
 DC Lic. 924 202-723-0676

**THE FADÓ BRUNCH**  
 fresh pub  
 WEEKENDS UNTIL 2PM  
 WE OPEN EARLY FOR EUROPEAN SPORTS & TAKE RESERVATIONS  
 808 7TH ST NW • 202.769.0066 • FADONISHWPUB.COM

**MICHAEL BONSBY**  
 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING  
 240-813-4495  
 www.michaelbonsbyhvac.com

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

Act now to help end hunger.

In the United States, one in nine people face hunger.

[feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)

**FEEDING AMERICA**

**COLUMBIA LIGHTHOUSE for the BLIND**

We will be there if you need us. We have been since 1900.

1825 K St., NW • Suite 1103 Washington, DC 20006 202-454-6400

8757 Georgia Ave. • Suite 805 Silver Spring, MD 20910 240-737-5100

[www.clb.org](http://www.clb.org)

WE NEED A WAFFLE LOT OF BLOOD DONORS

American Red Cross

**CLOVER SERVICES**  
 PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

Plumbing, Heating and Cooling

CALL NOW 703.352.2701 or (800) 2-CLOVER

Service@cloverco.com | www.cloverco.com/service

**ACTIVE PARISHIONER SINCE 1993**

**TOM MCGLYNN**  
 Realtor®

Mobile: 301-512-1155 • Office: 202-338-8900  
 TMCGLYNN88@GMAIL.COM  
 1050 30TH STREET N.W. • WASHINGTON, DC 20007

# De Vol Funeral Home

Robert G. DeVol • Kevin G. DeVol  
 At Your Home Arrangements  
 Available for Our D.C. Location  
[www.devolfuneralhome.com](http://www.devolfuneralhome.com)

2222 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007  
 202-333-6680  
 Valet Parking Available

10 E. Deer Park Drive  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
 301-948-6800

Please Support Our **ADVERTISERS**  
 They Support Our Parish

If the lights are flashing, **no passing.**

It's Not a Suggestion, It's the Law.

**IT'S A NEW DAY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S.**

alzheimer's association

**Mitch Carr's Auto Service**  
 MERCEDES BENZ SPECIALISTS

**301-493-9460**  
 4232 Howard Avenue • Kensington, MD

**READY.GOV**  
 Don't be afraid...Be Ready

**ADVERTISERS NEEDED!**

**PLEASE CALL JERRY ENGEL**  
 1-800-364-0684 Ext. 91  
 or CELL 410-707-1975

**BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS**

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit  
[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)

**Donate Blood**

American Red Cross

**IRREPRESSIBLE**  
 K.J. Alexander

To her, she's just another foster kid.  
 To them, she's the queen who will save them all.

**AVAILABLE NOW!**  
 Scan Here or Visit  
<https://amzn.to/322DlqT>

Available on amazonkindle