



Annunciation Catholic Church

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

October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth 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 1190

Entrance Hymn – Worship 831

Responsorial Psalm

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Offertory Hymn – Worship 708

Communion Hymn – Worship 662

Closing Hymn – Worship 727

Parish Announcements

Our second collection this weekend supports our social concerns ministry.

Square dancing resumes on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

Funeral services will be held for Lee Leonhardy on Friday, October 20th at 1:00pm.

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

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins
Administrator

Rev. Adam Park
In Residence

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Permanent Deacon

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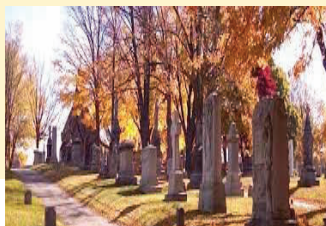
Sacramental Celebrations



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 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

A NOTE FROM MSGR. WATKINS, OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

My dear Parishioners,

When we reflect on the Annunciation account in St. Luke’s Gospel, we are told that Mary was relatively at peace when all of a sudden an angel appeared and relayed some disturbing news; in fact, we are told that she was greatly disturbed. Another translation uses the word, “perturbed,” suggesting a gravity so overwhelming and deeply confusing, filled with anxiety and fear. A similar situation has confronted the Parish of the Annunciation.

As you know by now, Monsignor Mike Mellone has been placed on administrative leave after being accused of sexual assault purported to have taken place in the mid 1990’s. In light of the Annunciation scene, this is extremely disturbing news! You have all received the letter from Reverend Anthony Lickteig, Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of Washington, to that effect, and Bishop Campbell addressed the parishioners at all of the Masses this past weekend.

Assigned as the Administrator of the Parish, my role is to continue to ensure that the Parish functions well. Assisted by Fr. Dave Fitz-Patrick who will oversee the sacramental schedule and relying on Fr. Park and Fr. Francis and Deacon Bill, along with the committed Parish Staff and superb leadership with Ms. Lewis and her teachers in the School, the Parish operations are in very good hands.

After our Lady had contemplated the very disturbing news of the angel (and it is not clear how much time she needed to discern), she agreed with trust and resolve to follow the Will of God, and only then was she enveloped by the grace of the Holy Spirit and was at peace. So, in this moment of disturbance for the Parish, my hope and prayer is that the same gift of peace will in time, after much prayer and resolve, to trust God’s Will in your lives, and grant you His abiding peace. Our Lord wishes us to be at peace, and this will take time. We will do this together as a community of faith, hope, and love.

Finally, our prayers go out to Monsignor Mike, so much beloved by his parishioners, and his alleged victim, in this difficult time. We pray for peace, and we pray for justice. May the bold act of our Lady’s trust in the Lord give you the courage to remain committed to your wonderful Parish of Annunciation. Know that I am here to assist you during this time and serve to calm the storm you are experiencing. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and show us the way to her Son, who always says, “Peace be with you.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. James D. Watkins

Administrator	Mass Intentions	What’s Happening This Week?									
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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 now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar.

For more information on these programs, 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 October will benefit the Gabriel Network to provide services to women and families challenged with crisis pregnancies.

Donate with Venmo



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PARISH LIFE

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

BOOK CLUB

Book of the Month

We will meet on Sunday,
October 29th at 11am in the
Parish Atrium.

For more info contact
Tina Lindberg at
lindberg@annunciationdc.org



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SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm and
Wednesdays from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center.
Contact Sue Lohsen at sue@lohse.com for more info.



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*



**Pray the
Rosary for Peace
in Ukraine**

Every Thursday
at 12pm—Rain or Shine
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Russian Embassy
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ANNUNCIATION

MEN'S GROUP

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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 Atrium
Contact Daniel Danello for more info:
dfdanello@gmail.com



**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.

Annunciation Contemplative Prayer Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm

We begin with Lektion 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.

SQUARE DANCE

The next square dance will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Square dances will feature live musicians and a caller. There is no admission charge. For more information, please contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



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 or call cell: (202) 577 - 2213.

PRAYER LINE | SETON SHRINE

Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am - 5 pm. We are here for you.



We're collecting treasures for the December Christmas Bazaar!

Donate: Jewelry, antique treasures, home and kitchen goods, handbags and scarves, toys and sporting goods

Please—no DVDs, CDs, clothing or books!



**Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org
or 202-362-3323 x15 to schedule a drop-off**



Annunciation

75th Anniversary

2023 - 2024



Rejoice, So Highly Favored!

OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Our 75th Anniversary Gala Committee



Teachers from our School



It's good to be together



Annunciation's Parish Staff



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 15, 2023



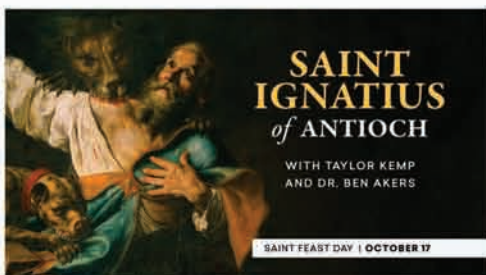
St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB



The October book is *Slaying Dragons II—The Rise of the Occult and What Exorcists & Former Occultists Want You to Know* by Charles D. Fraune

For even the casual observer, it is evident that the world, nearly as a whole, is unmoored from obedience to Almighty God. The number of sins, many of which "cry to Heaven for vengeance," which saturate the culture and the personal lives of the common man are legion, both in their breadth and in their diabolical quality. This spiritual depravity has invited, into the light of day, the Enemy who has always been working in darkness.

The Rise of the Occult presents to the reader an analysis of this emergence of the Enemy, in which Satan has found it to be the time to stir men back to idolatry, superstition, and ritualized hedonism. Witchcraft, Wicca, magic, Satanism, the New Age, astrology, Yoga, manifesting, and all of its countless variations are captivating the minds of modern men for whom the One True God has either been hidden or has been dismissed in favor of the annihilation of morality. It is this moral autonomy, in which man is "free" to "do as thou wilt," which is the calling card of all forms of occult practice.

Many questions will be answered as the reader hears from former occultists, priests (exorcists and pastors) who have helped them, families who have lost children or parents to the occult, and those who have seen the evil spread of the occult amidst their daily activities.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @11AM
IN THE PARISH ATRIUM**

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Contact Tina Lindberg at lindberg@annunciationdc.org or 202-362-3323 x15.



Join us for an inspiring and enlightening presentation on the situation in Lebanon, where the Maronite Catholic Church is key to the future of Lebanon, which quite possibly holds the key to the future of the Middle East.

Knights of Columbus Council 224 presents:

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Dr. Rami Chidiac

Knights of Columbus, Beirut-Lebanon



Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, 7:30 PM. Reception following.

Knights of Columbus Hall,

5034 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Ste 200.

(Wheelchair accessible -- entry ramp from rear parking lot; elevator access to 2nd floor)

Washington DC, 20016

Born in Beirut in 1966, Dr. Rami Chidiac holds multiple academic degrees in Business, Law, and Politics & Strategy. He owns Quality Consultancy & Training Firm and is a Loyal servant to the Altar of the Church. He also serves on the Board of The Maronite League, Maronite Council & Maronite Agency. In 2020, he founded the Knights of Columbus in Lebanon where his son, Rami Jr., is also a Knight. Dr. Rami serves as Our Lady of Lebanon Roundtable Coordinator and as Deputy Grand Knight of Washington Council 224.

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